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A day of confrontation. A night of terror. In Ulster, the fear is back

TUESDAY REVIEW FRONT

THE COLD statistics convey BY DAVID MCKITTRICK the ugliness of it all: 384 outbreaks of disorder in 24 hours; 115 attacks on the security forces; 19 police injured, one suffering a fractured skull. Petrol bombs were thrown on 96 occasions, 403 petrol bombs were seized, 57 homea and businesses damaged, 27 vehicles were hijacked and anoth-

er 89 damaged. again in the grip of widespread lovalist disorder as the Drumcree marching stand-off continues with oo end in sight. And kept at full stretch. As a result the impasse has only just begun. Everyone expects it get worse as the week goes on.

But even those statistics, which cover the period until 6am yesterday, do not tell the whole story. For the fear is back - the apprehension which last night kept hundreds of

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thousands of people behind locked doors in their homes.

Disturbances broke out late yesterday afternoon with buses and other vehicles hijacked - and set on fire in Belfast, Co Armagh, and Co Antrim. With Orangemen settling in for a of anarchy and mob rule, of long siege at Drumcree itself, where things are peaceful. everyone expects the situation elsewhere to deteriorate.

The announcement that a loyalist parade would be al- out of the back streets, revelling lowed to pass along the Ormeau Road in Belfast on 13 July did little to ease tensions.

The pattern is familiar in Belfast, though many had hoped the city had seen the last of it: pockets of nocturnal burnings and rioting, surrounded by much larger areas filled with apprehension and fear. Loyalist disorder is proving again to be much more destabilising and unnerving than nationalist

Republican ghettos, as the term implies, tend to be well-deIreland Correspondent

tively manageable for the security forces to contain at times of unrest. But when loyalist Belfast takes to the streets, as happened on Sunday night and again last night, the disruption

Protestants live all over the Northern Ireland is once city and can easily interfere

> Even a simple car journey can take on a nightmarish aspect. Those manning the roadblocks are not polite men in suits: often they are belligerent teenagers spoiling for a fight. Sometimes they are drunk. At times like these, many of society's normal rules go by the board, as youths with cudgels become temporary rulers of

The lesson from the many precedents is that there is no way of controlling widespread loyalist protests. The Orange Order calls for support for its Drumcree struggle, then condemns the violence that results and hlames the disorder

fined, easily akirted and relais far more widespread.

with major thoroughfares. They also have the numbers to ensure that police and troops are most of Belfast was last night virtually deserted as news spread that the roadblocks had sprung up again, as they had during previous stand-offs at Drumcree and on other occasions when Protestant opinion became inflamed.

their districts and its roads.

Thus people on a routine car journey can suddenly come face to face with the prospect beery threats, of the loss of their vehicle or worse. Many of the protesters believe in their cause and the Drumcree issue; but many are excitedly pouring in the belief that their community has given the go-ahead for

on the authorities.

But the violence has come as a surprise to no one, for it invariably accompanies protests such as these. Once the loval-



Orangemen waiting and watching at the Drumcree stand-off. Marchers say they will stay 'as long as it takes' to get the parade through

ists take to the streets, discipline disappears, cars get hijacked and torched, and the fear

Not everywhere goes up in flames: the full-scale clashes between the youths and police are reserved for the real botspots. which this time round are Sandy Row in Belfast, Londonderry, and the town of Carrickfergus in Co Antrim. Wheo places like these are seething sensible people go nowhere

oear them. But the fear is Northern Ireland's First Mineverywhere: most people get to work in the mornings, hut the charred vehicles at the roadside and the scars where the tarmac has boiled serve as ugly reminders of the power of the mob, and of the dark forces that can he unleashed in times of

Protestant crisis. Behind the scenes, efforts go on to find a way out. David Trimble, who was once identified with Drumcree, but is now - as ister - seeking a resolution, yesterday held meetings with political figures and church leaders. Urging people not to break the law, he declared: This situation has the capacity to destabilise, and if the situation is not resolved satisfactorily, it could put at risk

all the political progress we have achieved." He denied newspaper reresign his new position unless the Drumcree march was allowed through. Describing the reports as rubbish, he added: "I have made no such threat. I am nouncement that an Orange panot in the business of making rade would be allowed through the disputed lower Ormeau

that sort of histrionic demand." At Drumcree itself, where hundreds of Orangemen are camped out, the mood was one of determination rather than confrontation. The Order's leaders say they will stay there ports that he had threatened to "as long as it takes" to get the David Rose

parade down the Catholic Garvagby Road. Nationalists, meanwhile, took exception to the an-

district of Belfast on 13 July. Most recent loyalist parades seeking to use the route have been banned, hut the Parades Commission denied the decision represented a trade-off for the Drumcree ban.

The new Lexmark

New lobbying links embarrass Labour

MINISTERS WERE embroiled in BY FRAN ABRAMS a deepening crisis last night as new links emerged between Labour and the lobbying

As Downing Street sought to damp down the crisis yesterday it emerged that Derek Draper, a lobbyist and former aide to Peter Mandelson who is accused of offering access for cash, is planning a series of seminars with ministers.

Roger Liddle, Mr Draper's former business partner who

and Daisy Sampson

now works in the Downing Street policy unit, will have a star turn at the seminars.

The Independent has learnt that the seminars, which will be held around the country for Labour Party members, will be used to try to "fix" the party's autumn conference. At a recent meeting, leaders of Mr Draper's Progress organisation discussed how they would use the

workshops to identify sympathisers and then prime them to support Tony Blair at Blackpool.

Among the ministers billed to appear at the seminars were

Chris Smith, Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport; John Reid, a Defence minister. George Howarth and Joyce Quinn, two Home Office ministers; Derek Fatchett, a Foreign Office minister, and Tony Worthington, a Northern Ireland minister.

The Welsh Office minister.

Peter Hain: the Defence minister, John Spellar, and George Foulkes, the International Development minister, were due to appear at a weekend school

at the end of this month. The brochure said Mr Liddle would amuse guests on Sunday morning with a "Cabinet game. a government role-play exercise which in the past has been great fun."

Other seminars will be held throughout the summer in Glasgow, London, Aberdeen.

Birmingham, Newcastle, Liverpool and Sheffield. Afterwards. Progress members plan to single out Blairites for special attention in advance of the party conference.

The new revelations came as Mr Draper was suspended by his employer, GPC Market Access, and a former adviser to Gordon Brown. Karl Milner, was humiliated by his firm after leaking a select committee report before its publication.

mittee about the incident. Wilf Weeks, GJW's chairman, has promised an internal investigation with a view to taking disciplinary action and apologised on Mr Milner's behalf.

The lobbyists' professional body, the Association of Professional Political Consultants, also condemned the apparent breaches. It said it would write today to GPC and GJW de-Mr Milner, a lobbyist with manding an explanation.

Tories in a spin as William goes missing

TO HER credit, the woman at Conservative Central Office was refreshingly honest.

"We don't know where he is. We know he is with his press officer but we don't know where," she said.

Poor William Hague. Where he should have been yesterday morning was on his way to the Pavilion Gardens at Buxton, Derbyshire, for a function with

BY ANDREW BUNCOMBE

local constituency parties. Having been away from politics with sinusitis for two weeks, this should have heen his triumphant return to work and a chance to dispel rumours that his illness had been brought on by the stress of rivals schem-

ing to get rid of him. And that was why the CCO

was keen to ensure the media official's voice. "En no. sorry. We were on hand to record its are not expecting him until leader's come-back, issuing a press release on arrangements

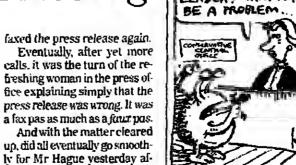
last Friday. Unfortunately what it failed to do was liaise with the local party. So when the media checked early yesterday morning to make sure Mr Hague would indeed be there, there a spokesperson. "Of course I am was a note of puzzlement in the sure." To prove the point, they

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faxed the press release again. calls, it was the turn of the re-4pm this afternoon," he said. breshing woman in the press of-

Confused? So were we. A call to the pavilion itself did not help. Yes, Mr Hague was expected. but not until the afternoon.

a fax pas as much as a faux pas. A call to the CCO was even more confusing. No. Mr Hague will be there at 10am." insisted



And with the matter cleared up, did all eventually go smoothly for Mr Hague vesterday aftermoon." Of course not. He turned up 12 minutes late.

Ronnie O'Sullivan has

tive for cannabis

forfeited £61,000 in prize

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BMA condemns 'cruel Britannia'

Millions of Britons live in a country better described as "cruel Britannia" than Cool Britannia, according to the chairman of the British Medical Association. Page 10

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Police recover stolen paintings

Three works hy Van Gogh and Cezanne stolen from Rome's National Gallery of Modern Art in May have been recovered hy Italian police.

Israel's people-chasing missile Israel's new anti-personnel rocket can be guided over mountains, through valleys and round houses in its search for a target.

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Ex-biotech chief settles for £3m Chiroscience is to pay £3.25m to its former chief executive after a last-minute settlement ended a two-year

Matthew Clark to axe cider plant Matthew Clark is to close its Taunton cider facility with the loss of more than 100 jobs.

SPORTS NEWS

Sheffield Weds appoints Wilson Danny Wilson is the new manager of Sheffield

Mystery illness hits Boardman

Chris Boardman has been struck by a mystery illness five days before the Tour de France opens in Duhlin.

TUESDAY REVIEW 24-PAGE BROADSHEET SECTION

Andreas Whittam Smith

"Is Amnesty International a political body or a charity? Amnesty's freedom to advertise in this country depends upon how these questions are answered."

"American super-lobbyists know the phone numbers to

ring, and the calls are always returned."

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Parade monitors sing for peace

JOANN CHASE of the Arikari Mandan Hidasa nation really cares about what happens at Drumcree, so much so that she has flown 3,380 miles from Washington DC to be here for the Orange Parade threatening the fragile new peace in Northern Ireland.

The native American, originally from North Dakota, is not the only one. Evelyn Harris, a native Afro-Caucasian-American is also here to help. She is a performing artist, and believes music is the key to healing the strife between the Nationalist and Loyalist communities. She has already tried to put this into practice with a sing-song at the Drumcree community centre.

Joann and Evelyn are just two of the 80-odd international observers who are in Northern Ireland as the Loyalist parade season gets underway. They are part of Peace Watch Ireland, a Boston, Massachussets-based organisation which has been monitoring the conflict. Among the others are the Irish Parades Emergency Commission and The Table Campaign, both based in Eire; The Interfaith Centre on Corporate Responsibility, and the Lawyers Alliance for Justice in Ireland, based in North America: Coalition for Peace in Ireland and Information on Ireland Campaign of Canada. There is also Senator Tom Hayden from the US, the former husband of Jane Fonda. who is here independently.

Ms Chase, 35, director of the Native Congress of American Indians, was on her first visit to Ulster. She said: "As native Americans we do feel something towards people who are oppressed all over the world. We are trying to help communities that are trying to empower themselves."

Faith Smith - a member of the Peace Watch Board, the President of the Native Amer-Garvaghy Road: "That would be totally against the law and cause widespread damage. In fact these people are probably hreaking the law hy congregating outside the church as they are. However, what we must aim for ls a peaceful

BY KIM SENGUPTA AND NICOLE VEASH in Drumcree

solution to the whole problem." There is no question, the womeo stress, of any religious bias on their coverage of this sectarian issue. Both Ms Chase and Ms Smith believe in the spiritual religions of their native American nations and Ms Har-

ris is a pantheist. Walt Pollard, of the Lawyers Alliance for Justice in Ireland. a corporate lawyer in New York, has a self-confessed paucity of knowledge of Ulster politics. "My knowledge is small, tut it is hopefully growing. However I do know about human rights," he said.

He and colleagues have to monitor the administration of justice in the region, but he added: "I do not have much experience of British law or understanding myself. It's really our presence that counts," One of his excursions to find out more about local politics was traumatic. He is now too scared to go and meet the Orange Order marchers after they called him "a Fenian Bastard" on a visit to their Drumcree Church encampment. "They also held up their hands. I don't think it was a Nazi salute. But it may have been the red hand of Ulster. Whatever it was, it was quite frightening," he said. Mr Pollard bemoans the fact

that the Americans have lost out on the sartorial challenge of peace-keeping. The Canadians have got themselves shiny hlue jackets with 'International Observer' written on the back. We only have yellow T-shirts, and there aren't enough of them," he said.

The Peace Monitors are not the only visitors. Stefan and Eva Kormorowski, from Dusseldorf, and some friends, brought down the Berlin Wall simply by thinking very hard, they say. Mr ican Education Service and a Kormorowski adds. "However, member of the Ojibwe Nation this ... will take too long to exsaid of the Orange men's de- plain." Then he grabbed his wife's hand and strode off.

TL Thousand, from Califor nia, says she is making the definitive documentary on the Northern Irish troubles. It has taken her five years so far, and she was somewhat vague about the practicalities of finance, distribution and so.



International observers behind police lines at the Drumcree stand-off

Police shake-up over use of Yardies as informants

POLICE WERE yesterday instructed to carry out a radical overhaul of the way they use Yardies" - Jamaican gangsters - and other dangerous criminals as paid informants.

A report by the Metropolitan Police Informant Working Group called for psychological testing of informants to minlmise their risk of harming the public and damaging the reputation of the police.

It called for the strict enforcement of a new set of minimum standards on handling informants which will be introduced hy the Association of Chief Police Officers in August.

The working group, which includes representatives from Scotland Yard, The Police Complaints Authority (PCA) and London's hlack community, was set up in the wake of the outcry that followed the rape and murder of a Brixton mother-of-two **Home Affairs Correspondent**

by a registered police informant

Delroy "Epsy" Denton, 36, a Jamaican criminal with a long history of violence, was sentenced to life in 1996. He had entered Britain in 1993, using his hrother's passport, and was being paid £50 a week as an informant registered with the Home Office.

But within a year of his recruitment by detectives anxious maica. to gather intelligence on Yardie criminals he gained entry to the flat of Marcia Lawes, 24, raped her and stabbed her 18 times.

Complaints by the victim's family are the subject of an in-

vestigation by the PCA. Yesterday's report highlighted public concerns over the police's use of illegal lmmigrants "for the purpose of acting as informants, particularly in connection with illegal drugs

This was a reference to the disastrous decision to allow a Jamaican gangster, Rohan Thomas, to enter Britain illegally in order to raise the credibility of police informant Eaton Green, who was helping detectives in unravelling a series of unsolved Yardie killings.

Thomas, 36, had served 14 years of a 15-year sentence for shooting a policeman in Ja-

When he joined up with ried out the systematic robbery at gunpoint of more than 100 party-goers in Nottingham.

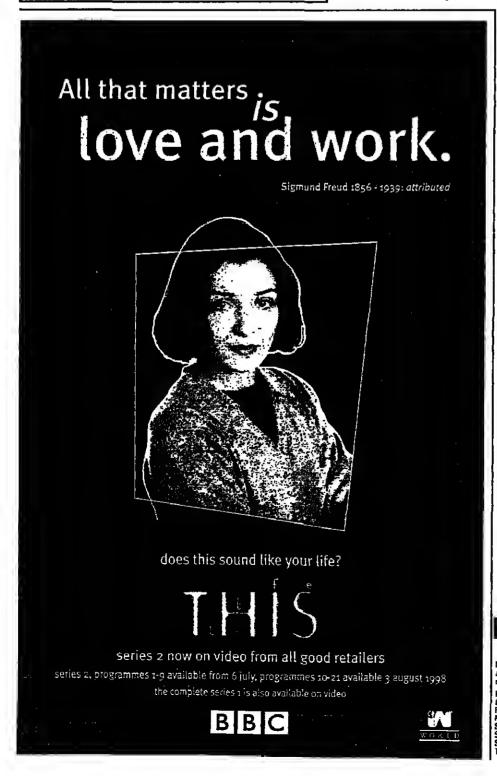
Commander John Grieve of the Metropolitan Police, later apologised for endangering public safety hut described Green as "an extremely successful informant".

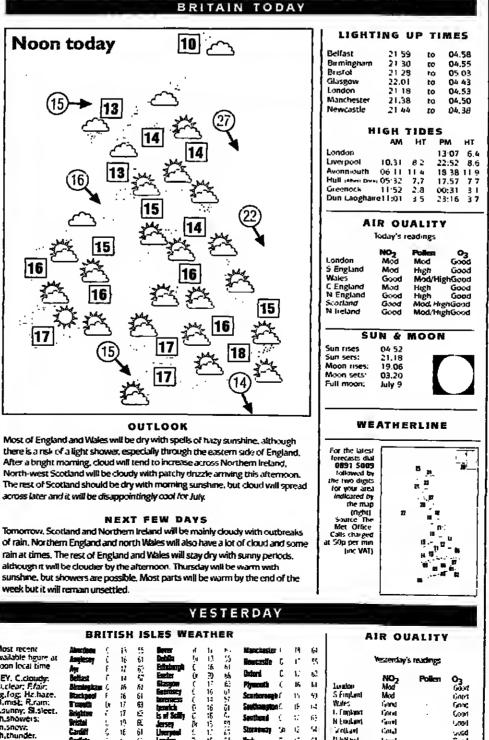
Yesterday, Met Assistant Commissioner Denis O'Connor, who sits on the working group, said he could not "completely and utterly" rule out the future use of illegal immigrants

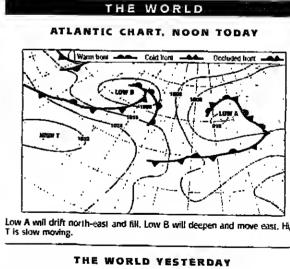
as informants. But he said informants had helped the Met prevent 11 murders, including four attempted contract killings, in the last 18 months. The force has several thousand registered informants hut their average pay amounts to only £159 a year he

The report called on televi-Green in Britain, the pair car-sion programmes like The Bill to give a more authentic portrayal of informants.

It advised: "The public should not be under any illusions about such individuals: few are altruists and the majority are serving their own ends and most are involved in some form of criminal activity.







A classical dilemma for the BBC as Radio 3's controller walks out

NICHOLAS KENYON yesterday By David Lister stepped down, two years early, from the post of controller of **BBC Radio 3.**

His successor will need a which will cover the station's speech and drama output, and a serviceable flak jacket.

expert Nick Kenyon discov- changes to presentational style; ered, running the BBC's classical music station in the era use of short pieces of music for of Classic FM puts you on a drivetime programmes, but hiding to nothing.

On the one side, you have the BBC radio controller Matthew Bannister, late of Radio One and deeply conscious of cost, ratings and Classic FM.

On the other, you have the Radio 3 lobby, diehard traditionalists who see even the moderate compromises Kenyon made to more populist programming as betrayal and dumbing down.

Kenyon has extricated himself from the station rather brilliantly. He has kept the directorship of the Proms, something be desperately wanted to retain. And he has landed a prestigious if timelimited new post, co-ordinating all the Corporation's programming on radio and television related to the millennium, starting in the autumn of 1999 and lasting throughout 2000.

He said last night: "I can't think of a more welcome adventure than the millennium alongside my continuing commitment to the Proms."

But if Kenyon has managed a graceful exit, that cannot usguise the continuing dilemma of Radio 3: the BBC's most expensive station, yet the one with the smallest reach. It costs £58.8m a year to entertain and educate 2.6 million listeners. Classic FM, as Kenyon grew sick of hearing, has 5 million

To take one staggering statistic, it costs £18m to maintain the BBC orchestras, more than the Arts Council spends on orchestras throughout the country. Kenyon fought hard to stop the BBC axeing at least one and got the credit for keeping the probably more of the orches- cost-cutters and Classic FM tras. He counts it one of his wannabes at bay. He was al-

A Section .

He can also point to the retention of live music as the kernel of the network, the championing of new work and large thematic projects, such as Fairest Isle for the Purcell tercentenary, and Sounding The Century, a celebration of 20th-

century work. Friends of Kenyon say be used to despair of having ClasArts News Editor

view meeting at Broadcasting House. He thought he should be love of classical music, an measured, not against Classic eclectic interest in the arts, FM, but against Radio 3's sister service Radio 4.

"He never rushed down the 100-best-tunes route," a close As even the affable and colleague said. "Yes, he made and be borrowed Classic FM's only for those particular times of day." And while there is not as much speech and drama as when Kenyon took over six years ago, Radio 3 still has a steady stream of plays, with

> such as Sir John Gielgud in King Lear. Programmes such as Mining The Archives, which for example looked at the influence of great violinists of the past. used an expertise and the re-

> source of the BBC library that

occasional landmark events

Classic FM does not bave. He also made mistakes, usually during the periods of panic apeing of Classic FM. Poaching Paul Gambaccini from Classic FM failed to impress Radio 3 listeners, and the relationship ended quickly with maximum embarrassment all round.

But if Kenyon, previously classical music critic of the Observer, was determined to guard Radio 3's integrity from philistines within the Corporation, his own critics gave him precious little credit for it,

Tony Scotland, a presenter for 20 years, accused him of ending. the tradition by which "one listened and learnt, and looked up later, perhaps, what the context occasionally failed to explain, The scholarship was lightly worn, the tone was authoritative but never intimidating, and the announcers spoke directly to us, as friends, in civilised and articulate English." A headline in the Spectator used a classical music allusion to make its point more succinctly: "Diminished Third".

But Kenyon never perhaps archy, refreshingly relaxed, candid and jargon free, and often as shambolic looking as when he loped into the Observer office with his satchel.

As he said to me not long ago: "Remember, this was the time when we could have been decimated by an easy alternative. We haven't been. And I've been absolutely rigorous in not

iota. What I've done is to change the way we talk about it and, of course, people pay far more attention to that."

Whether Radio 3 can post-Kenyon stick to its live music, new music, complete works and speech and drama remit. is the big question. While Kenyon's graceful exit means he will not fire any broadsides at the BBC hierarchy, there is little doubt that be and Bannister had markedly different visions for the station, and that there were people even in Radio 3 who wanted to take the Bannister route to higher ratings and greater economies.

The Radio 3 executive Hilary Boulding is said to agree with the Bannister approach; and if she is appointed as Kenyon's successor, changes in the station's approach are likely.

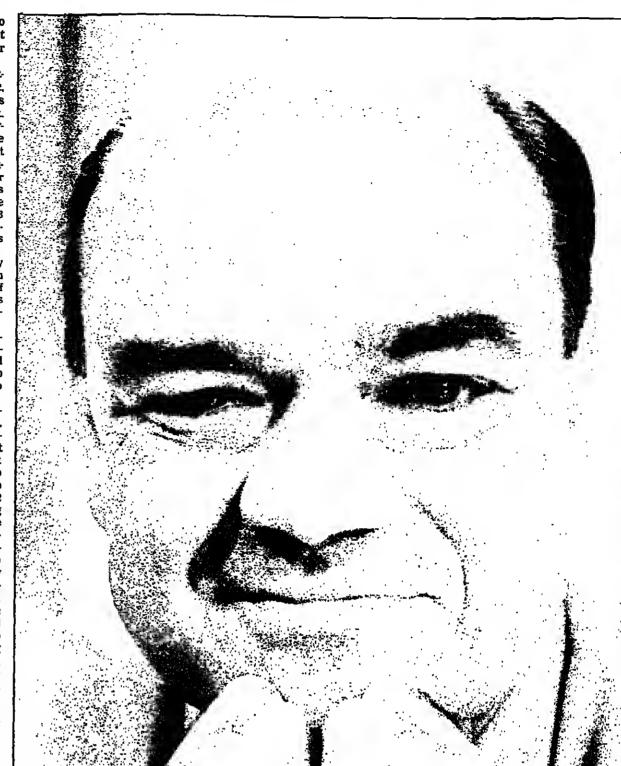
A traditional music enthusiast, such as the Radio 3 presenter Michael Berkeley, would signal a continuation of a Radio 3 which refused to bow to Classic FM's influence,

What is clear is that Kenyon's personality - charming, eager to please and cautious was part of his slow downfall at Radio 3, BBC management compared him adversely to James Boyle at Radio 4, who rushed changes through in 12 months, while still going through at least the appearance of a consultation process. Kenyon's changes were more gradual, yet be still seemed to attract criticism from a lobby every bit as vociferous and articulate as the Radio 4 listeners.

Kenyon has told friends he was baffled that Bannister had been content for Radio 1 to lose listeners while developing a new and distinct identity, but was not prepared to extend the same consideration to Radio 3. Bannister yesterday praised Kenyon for "maintaining Radio 3's high level of cultural context and its commitment to the best and most adventurous live classical music." The answer to the problem

of Radio 3 is one unlikely to appeal to the present BBC hierarchy. It should be ring-fenced from the usual frenzy over ratings. It performs an invaluable n function in its commitment to live and new music.

The beence fee and the continuing battle to keep it demands that the BBC can show Radio 3 is reaching out to more and more people say some insiders. But there is a contrary argument. The licence fee should also mean, indeed rather mean, that the BBC can show that Radio 3 provides an edusic FM rammed down his changing the demanding and cational and cultural function throat at every performance re- adventurous repertory by one not replicated anywhere else.



FAVOURITES TO SUCCEED

MICHAEL BERKELEY

programme Passions.

running Radio 3 would have Lord Reith

ELAINE PADMORE

Opera She runs Danish Roval Opera, and before that directed the

Wexford festival. If a critic can run the station for six years, why not

an opera producer?

HILARY BOULDING Already on tha staff at Radio 3, whare sha has tha slightly opaque title of Commis

sloning Music (Policy). She is said to

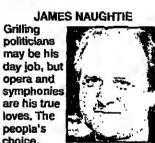
ba favoured by the Bannister camp, and is thus a hot favourite, brackets or no

DAVID MELLOR Has one of the largest CD collections in the country and

could make a postmodem synergy music and football. Classical music also

badly needs a p

JAMES NAUGHTIE



The female verdict on Viagra it doesn't do anything for us

CLAIMS MADE for the anti-im- By CHARLES ARTHUR potence pill Viagra may be Technology Editor

Women partners of men who take the drug were consistently less impressed by its effects than the men according to surveys originally left out of a scientific paper published in the New England Journal of Med-

The reports on Viagra's effects came from the subjective impressions of the men who took it, rather than their partners who experienced what it delivered.

Some of the NEJM's magazine's editors were also uncomfortable that the study of 532 men, published on 14 May, relied entirely on the men's opinions about how their performance improved, with no ob-

jective measurement of what

"This is the first impotence study we have published that contained no laboratory or clinic data," said Robert Utiger, the magazine'a deputy editor.

least the men's partners hadn't been interviewed." However, be said, it transpired that some of the women had been interviewed but only

a minority of them had reported on the effects. "So they didn't include it in the paper." The differences could have been significant.

Men taking Viagra reported success rates of between 48 and

it had been a success. By contrast, 22 of the men receiving a simple placebo pill re-

ported success. Possibly the men taking Viagra were focusing on one aspect of its effect, and the women on another.

But the unpublished results We had wondered why at also highlight the fact that the paper used subjective responses by the men to a 15-

"Usually the alternative in this instance would be to include the data from the partner, or from objective means," said Dr Utiger.

Previous medical studies into impotence have included results from machines which measured levels of physical 73 per cent. But only 48 per cent arousal using a pair of wires

of the women involved thought which clipped over the penis. Those were entirely absent in the NEJM paper, submitted by a team of doctors based at

a number of sites. William Steers, chief of urology at the University of Virginia, headed one of the teams.

He told the New Yorker magazine he was "not at all happy about the use of subjective measures, and noted that his own study of female partners' opinions, taken in the course of the larger study, showed their mark for the drug was "always lower than the men's."

Viagra, manufactured by the pharmaceuticals company Pfizer, has been a runaway hit since its launch in the US in March, when it won approval from the US Food and Drug Administration.

It is expected to be available in Britain later this year, but only on prescription from specialists rather than GPs. In the US it is available from family

Nicholas Kenyon, whose eager-to-please personality was part of his downfall at Radio 3

But Dr Utiger warned yesterday that whatever effects Viagra may, or may not have. in the short term they were not necessarily indicative of how well it will perform if taken for

"It's possible that with this. as with any other drugs, it is after taking it for a year, or several years, that you really get a picture of its benefits and

Dr Utiger said the difference shown between the men given Viagra and those on the placebo was "substantial".

Business, page 14

Roy Rogers, the singing cowboy, is dead

THE LAST of the great singing BY ANDREW MARSHALL cowboys has ridden off into I the sunset. Roy Rogers, aged 86, died early yesterday of beart failure at his home in Apple Valley, California.

He was better known to America's younger generation for the chain of fast-food restaurants that bears his name, than for his films. But to anyone who grew up in the 1940s, he was the

king of the cowboys... Rogers was born Leonard Slye in Cincinatti, an unlikely

in Washington

be hitch-hiked west and learnt to You". his trade the hard way on a ranch in New Mexico, before taking his singing act on the road. One day be stopped at a tailor's shop in Glendale, California, to get his ten-gallon hat mended, heard that one of the studios was looking for a singing cowboy, and never

had his own radio and television show. He would end them with home for a Western hero. But his theme song, "Happy Trails

Roy Rogers mythologised a way of life that had great sentimental power in America, but when he was making his films. the cowboy life was already dying out. It survives to some extent on the ranges of the West, though these days the cowboys, with their ten-gallon looked back. He made 35 films, hats and clinking spurs, take

with his wife, Dale Evans, and their horses out on trailers attached to pick-up trucks. Mr Rogers is unlikely to

suffer the same fate as his famous palomino. Trigger, who was as prominent as he was in the films. The horse cust Mr Rogers \$2,500 (£1,500), a fortune in the 1940s, but was undoubtedly the smart part of

Trigger has been stuffed and put on display in the Roy Rogers museum in California.

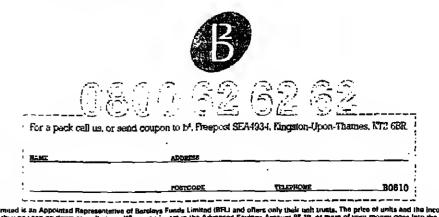


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Which part of the divine Ms Campbell's body holds the most allure for people? Her legs? Her lips? Her breasts? Perhaps her brain?

No. it's unquestionably her right hand. In which can be seen the Olympus Miu II.

Naomi herself fell so much in love with the Mju II (lucky camera, we say) that for a year it became her constant and devilishly attractive companion as she travelled all over the globe modelling, coming into contact with the great and the good and generally making the world a more beautiful place.

The photographs she took during this time can soon be seen in a forthcoming exhibition.

These surprising, often funny and sometimes moving pictures naturally owe a lot to her eye.

In addition, they owe a lot to the technology that helped to make the Mju II the European compact camera of the year '98.

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So it is every bit as simple as that other rather famous black, sleek, beautiful model.

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THE OLYMPUS MJU II

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Identity-theft killer gets life sentence

A CANADIAN businessman, By KATE WATSON-SMYTH who fled to Britain with millions of dollars of his clients' money. was vesterday jailed for life for the murder of a friend whose identity he stole. zing features.

Albert Walker set up home with his daughter Sheena, who teven think about pretended to be his wife, after taking the identity of his friend Ronald Platt, and paying for him to emigrate to Canada.

But the real Mr Platt returned to Britain when his new life turned sour and proved an "acute embarrassment" to Walker, who murdered him, Exeter Crown Court heard.

Mr Platt, 51, drowned after being weighed down with a 10lb anchor and thrown from Walker's yacht six miles off the south Devon coast. All identification had been removed, but police traced him through his Rolex watch and unravelled Walker's double life.

Walker, who was Interpol's fourth most wanted man when be was arrested, remained impassive as the jury of eight women and four men convicted him of murdering Mr Platt, a television repair man, after just two hours of deliberation. He is also wanted in Canada to face 18 charges of fraud, theft and money laundering.

During the 11-day trial, the court heard that Walker, 52, left Canada in December 1990, with his 15-year-old daughter, the second of his four children, and booked into the Ritz Hotel under the name of David Davis. He allegedly left with "very substantial funds, not all of which belonged to him," said Charles Barton QC, for the prosecution.

In 1992, Walker met Elaine Boyes, Mr Platt's girlfriend of 10 years, in Harrogate. She revealed that her lover had lived in Canada as a teenager and wanted to return to live there.

Walker subsequently offered her a job and Miss Boyes and Mr Platt became directors of the Cavendish Corporation, an 1996, Mr Platt agreed to go to off-the-shelf company which France to look for property to ject about the case.

was bought, run and financed by Walker.

The following December. Walker offered them air tickets so they could go to Canada. But before the couple left, Walker claimed, Mr Platt agreed to obtain a new driving licence for him, and gave him his birth certificate and credit card, to enable him to carry on the business account Mr Platt and Miss Boyes flew to Canada in February 1993 - after Walker had arranged to have rubber stamps made of their signatures so that, he told Miss Boyes, be could wind down

the Cavendish Corporation.



Walker: Killed friend after stealing his identity

With Mr Platt thousands of miles away, Walker began to use his identity and by August that year he and his daughter were living in Tiverton, Devon, calling themselves Ronald J Platt and his wife Noel. In 1994, the couple moved to Woodham Walter Essex.

Mr Platt returned from Canada in 1995 and contacted the businessman. "After Platt's return to Britain, Walker was maintaining him and seeing him weekly and there appears to have been a degree of exasperation," said Mr Barton.

Walker said that in June

set up a business there. In early July, Walker took Mr Platt to south Devon, where his yacht was moored. On 20 July 1996 the two Ronald Platts went sailing. Only one of them returned.

The real Mr Platt drowned after being hit over the head and pitched overboard with the anchor through his belt. It was sheer coincidence that a Brixham trawler was working in the spot where the body had been dumped and fished it up eight days later. The serial number of his Rolex watch eventually led police to Walker.

He told his daughter that Mr Platt had gone to France, and put the dead man's belongings into storage. When police arrived at the empty flat, they were given the name and mobile telephone number of a David Davis whom Mr Platt had used as a reference. Mr Davis was contacted and informed of Mr Platt's death but said that he could shed no light on it.

However, detectives decided to re-interview Mr Davis, hut when they went to his rented farmhouse at Woodham Walter they knocked on the wrong door. The occupant told the officers that his neighbours were Ronald Platt and his young wife, Noel. He said he had never heard of Mr Davis - an alias that Walker had abandoned.

Walker was arrested at gunpoint after he left his home in late October 1996.

In November, Walker - still using the name David Davis appeared before magistrates in Torquay, Devon, charged with murdering Mr Platt. But a few days later Canadian police finally identified "David Davis" as Albert Walker

After the trial, Miss Boyes said she was planning to write a book about ber experiences, and the actors Susan George and ber husband, Simon Mac-Corkindale, who attended the first day of the trial, are thought to be interested in a film pro-

George Carey, Archhishop of Canterbury, says international conference of bishops will not break down over bomosexuality John Houlihan

Archbishop of Canterbury dismisses idea that gay debate will split Synod

THE ARCHBISHOP of Can- By CLARE GARNER terbury yesterday rejected that the international gathering of 800 Anglican hishops at Lammonth will be torn apart by the issue of homosexuality.

At the last conference 10 years ago. the controversy was women priests; this time, it is gay priests. But Dr George Carey, who opposes the ordination of practising homosexuals, is optimistic that the subject will not prove fatal to the bishops themselves may be

doom-mongers' predictions unity of the international Anglican Communion.

"We always come with issues heth Conference later this like this, and to our great surprise we find ways of resolving the issue." he said at a briefing at the General Synod to York. "For example, in 1988 some were predicting the break-up of the Anglican Communion over the ordination of women. All the forecasters may be pleasantly surprised and even some of the

crunch conference - but I don't to, we must listen carefully to think it will he."

Dr Carey stressed that sexuality was just one subject among many on the agenda at the three-week conference in Canterbury, Kent, which begins on Sunday 19 July. "However, it is an important subject," he conceded. "Especially for Bishops in the West.

"As you know, I take a traditional line on this, and probably the great majority of hishops adopt a similar approach.

coming thinking this is a Whatever view hishops incline trines such as the Resurrection of Christ. one another knowing that this Dr Carev also spoke of his contentious issue will not be re-

> Bishops taking the opposite view to Dr Carey on gay priests come mostly from the United States, where they are led by the Right Rev Jack Spong. Bishop of Newark, New Jersey, an ultra-liberal who has put theses on the Internet in which be

denies basic Christian doc-

solved by anger and bitterness.

hut in the context of prayer and

delight at the "enormous success" of the international mission duhhed the Decade of Evangelism. Asked how he could take this view, given dwindling church attendance, he said: "I don't think of evangelism as just counting the scalps. It's to be an outward confident church. This is happening, not so much in terms our life, leadership and clergy.

CSA reforms to simplify maintenance payments

ing mothers will lose out while richer fathers and mothers on benefit will gain under new plans for the controversial Child Support Agency unveiled by the Government yesterday.

The Green Paper, announced by Harriet Harman, Secretary of State for Social Security, involves absent fathers paying a set percentage from their net income with the emphasis on ensuring "more fathers pay, rather than that lathers pay more".

According to DSS calculations, one in four lone mothers - around 100,000 - will be worse off as a result of the changes, while fathers will, on average, see the maintenance they pay drop from £38 a week to £29.

Social Affairs Correspondent

The CSA, which has been dogged by criticism since its inception in 1993, currently spends 90 per cent of its time assessing maintenance and only 10 per cent on collection. More than 100 ered before an assessment can be made. As a result, the taxpayer is supporting more than 1.8 million children who are not receiving any maintenance from their non-resident parents. The total cost is some £10bn a year.

"Our reform of child support involves replacing the Byzantine complexity of the current formula with a simple percentage," Ms Harman told the Commons. She said that for one

IN BRIEF

A MAN charged with murdering 11-year-old Wesley Nealley

was remanded in custody when he appeared in court yes-

terday. Dominic McKilligan, of Fenham, Newcastle upon Tyne, was charged with the murder of the boy on Saturday

night. Members of Wesley's family shouted abuse as Mr

McKilligan was led from the dock. Wesley disappeared from

his home in the Arthur's Hill area of Newcastle on 5 June.

New variant CJD kills two more

TWO PEOPLE died of new variant Creutzfelt-Jakob Disease in May, according to new official figures. So far 27

Edinburgh showed. This year four people have died.

BSE, figures from the CJD Surveillance Unit in

Britons have died of the disease, caused by exposure to

Ex-social services chief charged

A FORMER social services director appeared in court yes-

terday charged with misconduct in a public office. Chris

Also charged with a similar offence was Terence Price, a

Perry, aged 56, one time director of social services in South Glamorgan, appeared before magistrates in Cardiff.

Chaucer could fetch £500,000

ENGLAND'S FIRST major printed book - a first edition of

Chaucer's The Canterbury Tales - could fetch £500,000 when it goes up for sale, Christie's said yesterday. The book, printed in 1477 by William Caxton, is a star attraction

social worker. The proceedings were adjourned.

in the sale at Christie's in London tomorrow.

Suspect in Newcastle child murder remanded in custody

child, 15 per cent will be deducted from the father's net income and paid in maintenance - rising to 20 per cent for two children and 25 per cent for

three or more children. The proposals, which should be in place by 2001, will also allow lone parents on income support to keep up to £10 a week of any maintenance paid for their children - a change from the current system where for every pound paid in maintenance by the father a pound is deducted from the mother's income support.

More than 60,000 absent parents who are currently exempt from any payment would start paying £5 a week. "Fathers on benefit have as much of a responsibility for their children's

income as those with earned income," said the Green Paper. "Personal circumstances cannot negate responsibility."

Commenting on the proposals. Maeve Sherlock of the National Council of One Parent Families, said: While we welcome the principle of a simple formula to ensure reliable payments, we are concerned that levels of maintenance assessment for lone parents will drop too far."

For the Liberal Democrats, David Rendel said the proposals were "full of holes". He warned: "Their rigid formula will work fairly for only a small minority of cases. For example what about those with a variable income and the self-employed? How will unearned income be taken into account?"

Cornish clotted cream remains at the top

clotted cream has secured protection under European Union law from would-be imitators. the Ministry of Agriculture announced yesterday.

ufacturers from outside Cornwall from copying the cream and marketing it as the real The cream now joins 28

The decision prevents man-

other British products which are protected under the rules, including white and blue stilton cheese. Whitstable oysters and Newcastle brown ale.

Cheddar cheese, though named after a village in the west of England, is not protected but West Country Farm- wall and an area of Brittany.

CORNWALL'S EXTRA-THICK house Cheddar cheese is pro-

tected. Protected products in other countries include Parma Ham in Italy, the subject of what recently became known as the "barmy Parma drama" and Pont L'Eveque cheese in

EU regulations provide protection for geographic denominations belonging to food products giving locations of origin the right to use a product's name.

Cornwall's application for protection under the rules ran into trouble initially because of translation problems - Comoise is the French name for Corn-

TERENCE BLACKER

When I hunted, I was always surprised by the way huntsmen spent most of their waking hours thinking of ways to kill foxes'

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THE MAN behind the expose

of the New Labour lobbyists

is Greg Palast. a highly re-

garded American investiga-

tive journalist and filmmaker

the role of American trusi-

nessmen looking for inside po-

litical help. Mr Palast would

have found the role easy, as for

many years he worked as a

utilities regulator in New Or-

leans. He theo decided he

wanted to take a broader look

He and a colleague played

Fixers with a hot line to Westminster

By Fran Abrams Political Correspondent

THE CHARMS of Tuscany, the much-beloved holiday destination of New Labour, must have been wearing a little thin for Peter Mandelson's former aide Derek Draper yesterday.

It was not clear last night whether the lobbyist had escaped to Italy to avoid the aftermath of revelations about his claims of links with the Government, or whether his trip to southern climes was rudely interrupted by the scandal.

What was becoming increasingly clear, though, was the extent to which Draper's industry has worked its way into the heart of the Blairite establishmeot over the past year. More than 40 former Labour staff members or senior party figures are now working for "public affairs consultancies" in and around Westminster.

A register of lot/byists' interests, which was published co-incidentally - yesterday by the Association of Professional Political Consultants (APPC), shows that all the major firms now have at least one Labour insider working for them. The register shows all those who have worked for each of the companies in the six months up

The firm which employs Derek Draper, GPC Market Access, has a strong handful of Labour lobbyists to keep up cootacts following his suspeosion yesterday. They include John Dickie, who was a director of Draper's Prima Europe company with the Downing Street policy adviser Roger Liddle: Dan Fox, a former junior in Tony Blair's office; two former Millbank staff and a Lewisham Labour councillor.

Other firms employ a similar range of "consultants" with address books hulging with Labour contacts.

The classic case, of course, ls Lawson Lucas Mendelsohn, which has been criticised for boasting of its links with Government, Neal Lawson used to work for Gordon Brown: Ben Lucas for Jack Straw, and Jon Mendelsohn for Tooy Blair. Among their other staff is Ilan Jacohs, who has worked with Blair's pollster Philip Gould.

The Public Policy Unit, whose director Charles Miller is secretary of the APPC, has employed several Labour lob-



Roger Liddle (European adviser)

Works In No 10 Policy Unit. Before election had

JON MENDELSOHN LLM

Founded LLM. Advised Tony Blair on trusiness relations and campaign strategy before election.

Junior helper in Blair's office during run-up to



LAWSON LLM Former adviser

to Gordon Brown. Worked for Blair on campaign strategy during election

KARL

MILNER Worked for Brown before the election. dealing with internal party



DEREK DRAPER **GPC Market** Access Former chief alde

Mandelson. Switched to lobbying after

REX **OSBORNE Public Policy** Worked for Mandelson for

about 10 years on polling analysis.

> at energy issues and moved into journalism. He made his mark with an nvestigation of the Exxon Valdez disaster, in which a nassive oil spillage damaged the ecology of a large part of

the Alaskan coast. Over the past 10 years Mr Palast has developed close nks with the native American peoples whose lives have been dramatically changed

by the oil boom in the region. He is noted for his ainstaking research. He has worked in the past for the British media, including BBC's flagship Panorama.

Mr Palast is in his forties, married with two children, and lives in Peconic, Long Island, New York.

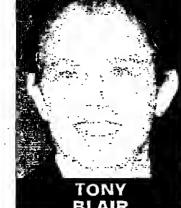
The Ohserver said in a statement last night that it could verify every element of the published material, including the statements attributed to Roger Lid-

Ben Laurance, the husioess editor, said that they would oot publish the full transcripts of taped interviews, "not only because of libel considerations, but also because they cootain material which will be used in further reports."

Leader of the House.

THE NETWORK OF LOBBYISTS AROUND THE LABOUR LEADERSHIP

The lobbyists, the politicians they served and the companies they now work for



BEN LUCAS

Former adviser to Jack Straw and ran

Blair's political briefing unit during the election. Founded LLM after working for Lowe Belt Political.

his own lobbying company . with Derek Draper.

DAN FOX

RORY SCANLON

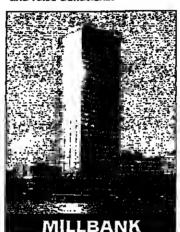
Worked in the rebuttal unit at Millbank during the election.

IAN HEPPLEWHITE Citigate Westminster Worked in Millbank during election and became press officer for parliamentary

MELISSA ROBINSON

Rebuttal unit and also worked on policy with Fabian Society. Bought ROGER SHARP GJW

Worked in business liaison unit which sought to improve links with business



ADAM BOWEN Recently Shandwick

DAVID LEAM

Another Millbank

went into heavy-hitting tobtying.

GPC Market Access

election veteran who

Worked in election rebuttal unit, joined Shandwick but recently returned to Milibank

JO MOORE Westminster Strategy Was head of Labour's press office before

DAVID

MIKE LEIGH

Westminster Strategy

Was adviser on education to

Blunkett and senior figure in the lobbying Industry for

Osborn, who worked for Peter Jennie Jeger, a senior party 1990 and 1994. Mandelsoo for several years: Greg Rosen, a former Millbank figure who died receotly, was a worker, and Chris Savage, who director of GJW along with Jeremy Fraser, a leading Southleft recently, but who joined the

wark councillor.

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affairs

Issues in

run-up to last year's election.

for Straw on home

firm after working at the Trades Union Congress. The leader of the House of Westminster Strategy has Commons, Ann Taylor, resign-Mike Lee, a former adviser to ed as a director of Citigate David Blunkett, while Sband-Westminster in 1994, while the wick has Colin Byrne, a former Labour peer Lord Pestoo quit Labour chief press officer. his directorship of the firm the

Lists of directors from Comfollowing year panies House also show a numbour MP for Doncaster Central, ber of Labour figures who have

hyists. Among them are Rex had a stake in the industry at was managing director of Con-hyist who knows the rules can MPs or special advisers to do nect Public Affairs betweeo

> But how, if at all, do the oew recruits use their influential contacts to help their clieots? Although a few appear to have been caught out offering access and influeoce heyond what their professional code of cooduct recommends, most decy they would do this.

An experienced lobbyist with knowledge of Government can Rosie Winterton, now La- use his knowledge of the system, industry sources say, A lob-

opeo doors for a client that be their job. If mistakes have been cannot open for himself, industry sources say.

But almost without exception, the Labour lobbyists have no such knowledge. They are, for the most part, tweety and thirty-somethings with just a year or two in Millbank and a fat address book to call oo.

Many older lobbyists are privately scathing about these new recruits, saying they are forced to pair up well-connected Labourites with former Tory made or codes broken, they say, inexperience has not helped.

"It is a truism in lobbying that the system oever does you favours," Charles Miller said, "It looks as if people scratch each other's backs all the time, but it's actually superficial."

Draper has held directorships of six companies, including 3C Ltd. which was used to run conferences for husiness people after the publication of

Peter Mandelsoo and Roger Liddle's book, The Blair Revolution. He charged business people to be given a resume of what Tony Blair stood for.

He also runs Progress, a

Blairite group which publishes a slavishly loyal magazine, and will host a series of seminars for party members this Summer. him firmly believe that the

Many of those who know group's real cootroller is Peter Mandelson, and that its aim is to say things that the Labour

The Observer has said it will co-operate with any inquiry set up by Ann Taylor, the

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of controversial deals

GJWS ROLE in the lobbying BY PAUL LASHMAR scandal is not the first time the company has found itself immersed in controversy. The and sophisticated political operator with a penchant for mischief. This may explain his desire for high-profile publicity

and some very strange friends. In 1996, there was the Libyan affair. Mr Gifford flew to Tripoli to seal a contract said to be worth £3.5m to promote links with Colonel Gaddafi's regime. Paid by the British-Libyan Busi-GJW also had a media monitoring contract with the Libyan government. Mr Gifford refused to comment at the time but insisted the deals were intended to improve economic relations

More recently, there have been the mercenaries. Mr Gifford is a "close personal friend" of Tony Buckingham, the mil-months later, Mr Buckingham

background who has been incompany's managing director. volved in the supply of merce-Andrew Gifford, is an urbane naries in Papau Guinea, Angola and Sierre Leone. Most notably, Mr Buckingham is the power behind Sandline International, the company whose role in the Sierre Leone counter-coup triggered the current inquiry into

Foreign Office culpability. Mr Gifford was until recently a director of Mr Buckingham's Heritage Oil and Gas company, which owns oil rights in Angoness Group, GJW arranged for la. Heritage is also the centre of a group of British politicians led a string of companies involved by Lord Trefgame, the former in oil and mining in Third World defence minister, to visit Libya. countries. These companies are often assisted hy mercenaries supplied by Mr Buckingham's other companies, Executive Outcomes and Sandline.

between Britain and Libya.

lionaire with a special forces

rbane operator at head

It was Mr Gifford who introduced his old hoss, David Steel MP to Tony Buckingham. Lord Sleel, as he is now, joined the Heritage board in 1994 and resigned at the end of 1996. Three



Andrew Gifford: liking for high-profile publicity

and Sandline boss Tim Spicer were publicly revealed to have been involved in hiring a mercenary army to the Papua New

Guinea government. Mr Gifford, 45, reputedly earns in excess of £250,000 per annum. His career began conventionally enough. For many years he was the political and personal assistant to Lord with partners Jenny Jeger, who bad worked with James Callaghan at No 10, and Wilf Weeks, former head of Edward Heath's private office.

GJW was one of the first of the specialist political lobbying companies. Tony Hutt, another senior director, is a former senior official from the Conservative Central Office. Karl Milner, who is at the centre of the current controversy, was an adviser to Gordon Brown before the election and also worked for Hillary Clinton in the 1994 United States presidential campaign.

GJW has grown into one of the largest political lobbying companies in Britain. It has 38 staff in London and offices in Brussels, Bucharest, Moscow, Prague and Warsaw. Its clients have included Goldman Sachs, British Telecom, Vodaphone,

Sainshury and Bupa. Mr Gifford is a founder of the Association of Professional Political Consultants, which was set up to improve political lobbyists' image in the wake of the

Steel In 1980, he set up GJW cash-for-questions scandal. Know-how that gains entry to the corridors of power

FROM THE perspective of their clients. lobbyists or political consultants provide expertise. experience and - essentially access to people who make de-

"The best consultants are those who tell you who you need to speak to. They introduce you and then let you get on with it," said Bridget Faubert, legislative officer with National Federation of Retail Newsageots.

For the past year, the federation has been using a firm of consultants to advise it on the Competition Bill. currently passing through Parliament.

The federation, which represents the interests of independent newsagents, wants to ensure its members are treat-

BY ANDREW BUNCOMBE ed fairly by larger chains,

wholesalers and publishers. "We were told who were the MPs we should speak to. the members of the House of Lords who might be receptive and we were also introduced to ministers." said Mrs Fautiert. Cheldgate Ltd, who describe themselves as public relations consultants, were able to arrange meetings between the federation and Margaret Beckett, President of the Board of Trade, and Nigel Griffiths, the possible amendment." Trade minister ."They intro-

with it." said Mrs Faubert. (UK) Ltd. publishers of The In- lows a free-for-all on the price ways very helpful."

duced us and then let us get on

tants for advice about trying to have the Bill amended. "Along with the Telegraph

and the Guardian we had been lobbying the Government ourselves over the Bill," said Brendan Hopkins, chief executive. "A firm we use as coosultants [Charles Barker] suggested that we speak to the Liheral Democrats and we did that. We were introduced to Lord Mc-Nally and he agreed to table an amendment to the Bill. Charles Barker helped us in drafting a

Pharmacists who run chemist shops are concerned they could be lorced out of

dependent, also used consul- of over-the-counter medicines such as cough medicine and painkillers. The community pharmacy action group leaders hired LLM, one of the newest lobbying companies set up after the election by former Labour advisers, to build its campaign to have noo-prescription items

excluded But lobbyists are oot always essential. The Federation of Licensed Victuallers Associations also has an interest in the Competition Bill and wants to ensure the "tied houses" sys-

tem of public houses remains. We do not bother with lobbvists, said its chief executive, Independent Newspapers business if the Government alministers myself ... They are al-

Food technology: A new breed of eco-warrior is challenging the big corporations by taking direct action

Wheatfields turn into war zones activist who set up the up the the many other wheat except thesis to recent years of the many other wheat except the from any other wheat except the tember the food will have labels: Who set up the the most intense commercial battles of recent years found a focus years found a focus years found a focus years found a parch of wheat covering an area the size of two tables to the food years for the food will have labels: Who set up the most intense commercial battles of recent years found a focus years found

from any other wheat, except that it

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inster

had its own 24-hour security guard. What the guards are protecting is actually invisible. The wheat has been genetically modified (GM) to contain extra gluten genes - so bread made from it should be lighter and bouncier. But that makes it a prime target for the groups aiming to uproof such crops. So far this year GM plants have been torn up at almost 30 of 200 experimental sites around Britain. To keep the wheat safe, a guard is necessary; at the Cereals 98 show last month, a similar exhibit was torn up. This time the Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (BBSRC), which has funded the wheat's development, is taking no chances.

But environmental activists are only the most immediate worry for Monsanto and the 15 or so other companies in the UK which are developing GM crops to make food. The issue is becoming a commercial battle royal. Millions of pounds are being spent developing new plants - and then millions more on persuading the public to like them.

It might seem that the biotechnology companies cannot lose. All they have to do is get government approval - a process which the public feels powerless to prevent - and then persuade farmers to plant the resistant to its own Roundup herhicide. It was launched two years of the total area of soya planted in the United States. This year 30 per cent of American soya will be Roundup Ready, and it is rising. Soon it will constitute the majority.

from that soya first appeared on British shelves, is Monsanto spending £1m on an advertising campaign telling people to trust GM food? Because in September, new rules on labelling come into force. These will mean that, for the first time in two years, you should be able to tell which of the foods such as bread, hiscuits, cakes and pizza has been made using GM soya. Take a look on any contents label: about four Only the battlefield differs.

"Does not contain genetically modified elements", or: "Contains ge-

netically modified elements". The Laboratory of the Government Chemist (LGC) is one of two UK organisations offering DNA tests to identify whether foods contain GM elements. Recently it hosted a crowded industry session with speakers from the supermarket Sainshury's and Rank Hovis Mc-Dougall, which makes all sorts of baked items.

"We are expecting increasing de-

Ms Parkes said the industry's concern is that: "If a product remains

and standard soya were simply mixed after harvesting in the United States. There was no way to pick out if the biscuit you ate contained GM soya or not.

crops. Monsanto makes a GM soya food launched in the UK, a tomato puree marketed by Zeneca - though that, too, relies on a Monsanto prodago, and constitutes a few per cent uct. The "FlavrSavr" tomatoes, which take longer to rot, were always identified clearly. People liked it. They bought it.

So why, two years after food made A recent MORI poll found only 22 per gineering is good news.

It may seem a long way from guards protecting experimental wheat. But to the hiotechnology

mand for our services," said Helen Parkes, the LGC's innovations manager whose clients are among the country's biggest food makers and retailers. "I feel that the supermarkets want to be responsible, and want a positive consumer perception of what they're doing."

unlabelled then, by implication, it doesn't contain GM elements. They want to be sure that's true." For Monsanto, labelling is a PR disaster. It had been delighted with the status quo. Up until now, the GM

That is different from the first GM

They do not like Monsanto and the idea of unlabelled GM foods, though. cent of people support GM foods. If they are wandering around super- from Hove in East Sussex, who with markets, they will be turned off by those labels, unless Monsanto and the other biotechnology companies can persuade them that genetic en-

companies, it is all the same battle.



le-class activists on the frontline

ROWAN TILLY and a group of fellow middle class eco-activists spent Saturday morning uprooting genetically-modified plants at a farm in atlington, Oxfordshire.

The 40-year-old furniture-maker other members of the pressure group genetiX snowball gave up their weekend to pull up almost 200 plants, said: "The Government is failing to tell people about the harmful effects of genetically-engineered crops. We are concerned that they could be endangering the eovirooment and our health.

The oilseed rape plants were

owned by Monsanto, the US food giant, and had been genetically-modfied to make them resistant to a herbicide used for killing off surrounding

BY DIANA BLAMIRES

Ms Tilly said: "All five of us were arrested. We were not charged but we were all prepared for court. We are prepared to take the consequences because we do not think we are doing anything wrong."

The 30 or so memhers of genetiX snowball members are very differeot from the new geoeration of ecowarriors, many of whom are

unemployed and nomadic, moving on from one demonstration to the next. This group's members so far include a music teacher, solicitor and freelance journalist.

GenetiX snowball, a con-violent campaign, was formed a year ago, and has around 30 members around the country. They are worried about genes from genetically engineered plants getting into other plants, such as weeds, which could then become resistant to weedkiller and spread unchecked.

Ms Tilly said: "We will definitely oot be using the methods of eco-warriors. We will simply carry on pulling

up plants until the Government takes action to tackle the problem."

Other environmental activists, not linked to genetiX snowball, have attacked crop sites but most of the incidents have been carried out covertly by eco-warriors raiding plots under cover of dark.

By contrast genetiX snowball openly admits what it is doing and announced its intentions to dig up plants in Watlingtoo in advance.

They fear that components of bacteria from genetically-engineered plants could cause animals and humans to build up a resistance to antibiotics and to diseases.

Ms Tilly added: "We want a fiveyear moratorium on the release of genetically-engineered crops into the environment pending further research and public consultation."

English Nature, the Government's official wildlife adviser, has already called for the moratorium. However, geoetiX snowball has taken to tearing up plants because the request has so far fallen on deaf ears.

A spokesman for Friends of the Earth said: "There hasn't been adequate democratic debate. There are reasonable concerns about weedkiller and pesticide - resistant crops - more research needs to be done.

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Harman demonstrates that the simple solutions are best

THAT MONDAY morning sinking subject to consultation, fathers will suffers from the reputation of feeling is delayed in the House of Commons until after lunch, when Social Security questions come round with monotonous regularity ers will be allowed to keep up to £10 head", she made more effective use, every four weeks.

Matters were not helped when the same department, atill led for the time being by Secretary of State Ms Harriet Harman, immedialely detained the House for another hour on the Green Paper Telegraph. proposals to reform the Child Support Agency.

In fairness the CSA statement, which I was dreading, turned out to be easier to follow than anticipated. It was simple, logical and actually made a lot of sense. In essence,

have a specific percentage of their having two brains. If we accept for income deducted for each child for which they are responsible. Mothof other benefits even if they receive as anyone else with half a brain maintenance from the father.

Ms Harman makes much of pretending to be more stupid than she really is and admitted this, in a recent interview with The Daily

Just occasionally, and yesterday was such a day, a supposedly stupid person has an ability to cut through complexities and come up with more common sense answers than people like David Willetts, the cause the then Labour opposition Tory education spokesman, who

one hrief moment that Ms Harman is, to use her own words, "an air would do, of gut-instinct and common sense to present eminently sensible proposals.

The Child Support Agency was invented early in the 1990s by Peter Lilley, the then Secretary of State for Social Security, with a mass of detail, unnecessary complication and endless hureaucracy. The House of Commons passed this half-baked legislation partly beagreed to the Bill with very little

THE SKETCH



MICHAEL **BROWN**

debate and no votes against the measure in the division lobbies. MPs were inundated with a mass of aggrieved constituents complaining either, if they were a mother, that the CSA had done nothing to chase the father, or, if they were the father, that he could not afford to pay. I recall divorced constituents coming to surgeries to berate us about each other. But both parents were usually agreed on the bopelessness of the CSA. I do not recall any feckless father actually being caught, successfully, by the system and I can count on the fingers of one hand those women and children who are actually better off, as a result of the CSA in my con-

Ms Harman's announcement

failure of Parliament to get it right in 1991. Her statement was hroadly welcomed by Members on all sides. The Tory spokesman, Iain Duncan Smith, was measured in his response and accepted most of

Ms Harman's statement could not have come at a better time for her future career. There are gossipshop rumours about her long-term political health and her syrupy statement of broad good sense will do her no harm as re-shuffle day looms. Her performance reminded me of a latter-day Mary Poppins and I could almost imagine her melliffnous tones singing the words of will go a long way to rectifying the her script to the tune of "A spoon

full of sugar belps the medicine go down, in the most delightful way".

She is infuriatingly charming, good-looking and elegant in her designer clothes. Yesterday she was only out-shone in the fashion stakes by ber junior minister. Joan Rud-

Not much else caused a stir in the hour before Ms Harman's statement but there were raised eyebrows from the hooligan tendency. led by Nicholas Soames (C, Mid Sussex), when Lorna Fitzsimons (Lab. Rochdale) said, to laughter, "We see an explosion of women in part-time work". Let us hope, for Ms Harman'a sake, that this does not turn out to be the case.

Blair to appoint Labour chair

TONY BLAIR is planning to create the cahinet-ranking post of chairman of the Lahour Party to lead the campaign for the

next general election, The Prime Minister believes the new party figure should be a political heavyweight to focus the party on the election campaign from within the Government. He is following the example set by the Tory Party. which used the strategy agreed by the party chairman to make a series of headline-grabhing announcements at the annual Conservative Party conference in 1986 to lift the government's standing for the election victory the following year.

Labour's party organisation union background on the party's grassroots. party's ruling national executive committee. Tom Sawyer, a Unirole will become more like a

running the party organisation. The Prime Minister could anthe forthcoming reshuffle. which is due before the end of this month, but the announcement could be delayed until the annual party conference.

CAMPAIGNING

BY COLIN BROWN Chief Political Correspondent

Mr Blair considered Mo Mowlam, the Northern Ireland Secretary, ideal for the role hut she is too enmeshed in the continuing confrontations between Nationalists and Loyalists.

Stephen Byers, the Educahon minister, is an ophon, hut is not expected to be moved into the Cahinet this time.

One possibility could be John Prescott, who has told the Prime Minister that the party needs urgent attention. The Deputy Prime Minister has a reputation as a campaigner for mass membership, and would has been run by the general sec- be a powerful voice for the conretary, traditionally from a trade cerns being expressed by the

Mr Prescott could be too busy with his existing titles, but son leader, is due to step down he made an offer to Mr Blair a in October as general secretary. month ago to tackle the grow-He is expected to hand over to ing unrest in the party at West-Margaret McDonagh, when the minster. He believes Labour spokesmen have succeeded in chief executive in charge of making the slep from Opposition shadows to ministers in charge of Whiteball departnounce the new role as early as ments, but has yet to get right the shift from Opposition to

Government. "I don't think we have got that any where near right as it should be," said Mr Prescott.

Peter Bottomley, MP, at a charity swimming contest between the House of Lords and the House of Commons

Peter Macdiarmid

Hodge seeks extra £600m to help poorer students

ONE WEEK before the Comprehensive Spending Review is due, the chairwoman of the Educatioo Select Suh-Committee appealed to the Government last night to invest half a billion pounds more in further education and scrap child benefit for over-16s.

Margaret Hodge, one of the most influential Labour backhenchers, told the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Education. Kim Howells, to aholish child benefit for those over 16 and invest the money to encourage more to stay on in

further education. saved, she told colleagues, should he used to fund a means-tested allowance to encourage those from less welloff families to stay in full-time education and training.

BY DAISY SAMPSON

"Child benefit is only paid to those whose children stay in full-time education and they tend to be children from betteroff families," she said, opening dehate on further education.

"Surely it is right to target this money better to encourage those from poorer families to stay in full-time education."

Warning that the system of student support in FE was "close to total collapse" she said it was "outrageous" that only half of the country's young peo-The £600m which could be ple continued in full-time education up to the age of 18.

Damian Green, the Conservative spokesman, asked where the Government was going to find the money to meet the aspirations of the FE sector.

He told Mr Howells: "The issue of funding will continue to be the ghost at this evening's intellectual feast hecause if you

seek to simply reassure both

sides of the House with warm

words, then one would be entitled to be a little suspicious." Agreeing with Ms Hodge that the sector has been the Cinderella of education, he said: "FE has at times been the least regarded sector and the

severe danger is that FE will once again fall into the hole." Charlotte Atkins (Lah. Staffordshire Moorlands) urged the minister to provide the extra funding, and warned of an

education "catastrophe". Ms Atkins, a former press officer at Unison, likened the under funding of the sector to "progressive arsenic poison-

ing" - if you waited for the

symptoms to show it would be loo late.

Despite government protestations, the Opposition insist-Questions, that a change in the official school-leaving date could cost single mothers more than £800 in child benefits. It had been suggested that the leaving date for 16-year-olds should be changed from the first Monday in September to

Simon Burns, Conservative spokesman on social security, asked Women's Issues Minister Joan Ruddock: "Could you tell the House whether the reports are true that Miss Harman is going to change the date by which child benefit is paid for 16-year-olds from the first Mon-

day in September to 26 June?

means that some mothers will lose up to £356 and that all parents will lose, on average, £114?

"Could you please tell the ed during Social Security House wby, given that state Questions, that a change in the schools finish for the summer. usually in mid lo late July, 26 June has been chosen?" Ms Ruddock retorted: "I re-

ally do not know where you get your information from. I can tell you that in respect of the benefits inquiry you made, the answer is definitively: 'No'." To opposition jeers, the Sec-

retary of State for Social Security. Harriet Harman, side-stepped a question from James Gray (C. Willshire N) calling for assurances that she would not abolish child benefit.

Ms Harman said simply: We have said that child benefit for those over 16 will he sub-

Brown pressed to drop tax plan

CHILD BENEFIT BY COLIN BROWN

A RIGHT-WING think-tank today calls on Gordon Brown to scrap the idea of taxing child benefit, which is being planned for next year.

Shella Lawlor, director of Politeia, also warns the Chancellor to abandon his plans for merging tax and benefits because it threatens one of the founding principles of the Beveridge plan for the welfare

In a Politeia pamphlet, she says such a move would end the contributory principle on which Beveridge based his proposals.

She also says: "Beveridge built on the contributory principle establishing a social fund, although for him contribution involved the pooling of risks rather than (as a private noncompnisory scheme would require) adjusting Individual contributions to risk."

Calling for a public debate about the reforms to the welfare state, she says, in a pamphlet, that the universal benefits, such as child benefit, should be preserved where they already existing rather than being tar-

She argues in favour of contributions being required by all people, either paid to insur-

ance companies or to state-run schemes. She says the full contributo-

should be restored, as envisaged by Beveridge.

Whether ultimately the providers of such insurance could not be private companies rather than the state is a question that could be decided over time," she adds.

The re-establishment of the contributory basis of the system in a transparent form would make possible a gradual shift in this direction in which parts of the state system were gradually opened to competition from the private sector to which contributors could take their contributions in respect of insurable contingencies."

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AN IMAGE of a rowing hoat ly visits Scotland, took boats of belly-up on the loch shore as the the Highlands and Islands as innew Scottish parliament has spiration for the huilding, to open in Edinburgh in 2001. Yesterday the Scottish Secretary, Donald Dewar, said: "Enric Miralles impressed ... with his en-Enric Miralles, hased in ergy imagination and creative

QUESTIONS **ANSWERS**

Backing grows

for rural ministry

THE Prime Minister confirmed, in answer to a question from James Gray (Con. Wiltshire North) that consideration is being given as to whether he should set up a ministry of rural affairs as part of the Comprehensive Spending Review. The review is expected to report next

Neill's daily rate

LORD NEILL QC is paid a daily rate of £500 for his duties as standards watchdog. Public Service Minister David Clark said in a Commons written reply last night Lord Neill had spent 44 full working days carrying out his duties up to April. for which he was paid a total of £22,000, it was revealed in answer to Peter Bradley (Lah, The Wrekin), Lord Neill was apnointed chairman of the Committee on Standards in Public Life on 10 November, taking over from its first chairman, Lord Nolan.

Tory lords spark 'constitutional crisis' over Commons ruling

THE GOVERNMENT today faces the threat of a constitutional clash with the House of Lords after the Tories rejected an eleventh-hour appeal to hack down.

The Leader of the Lords, Lord Richard, urged Lord Cranborne, his Tory shadow, to give a guarantee that the Lords would accept the ruling of the House of Commons. But he refused to give any promises. Lord Richard, attacking the Tories for "constitutional

MP 'target of

HELEN BRINTON,

Labour MP for

race hate mail

Peterborough, has been

sent hate mail because

racism. She believes the

right-wing British National

sparked after she replied to

a letter from a constituent

comments about black and

containing "outrageous

Asian people". The BNP

denies her allegations.

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Party is behind the

campaign, which was

REBELLION BY DAISY SAMPSON

abuse", will urge peers to accept the decision of the Conmons to reject an amendment to the Government's Teaching and Higher Education Bill to equalise the payments of trition fees in Scotland for students north and south of the Border.

The Lords are prepared to back a further amendment to the Bill with the Liberal De-

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JOHN DENHAM, a social

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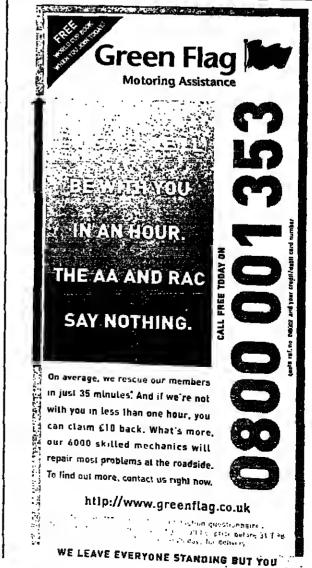
mocrats in spite of the Government's appeals to let the Bill through to the Statute Book. Lord Cranborne said: "Lord

Richard knows as wetl as I do that in the end the elected chamber will win. Quite right But, we would like to show as clearly as we can that the

Government is treating people in Wales and Northern Ireland extremely inequitably, particularly compared to Scottish stu-

Today Commons: Questions on the environment, regions

and transport: Tory debate on release of information to select committees; adjournment debate on Harlow Playhouse. Pensioners' aid Lords: Teaching and Higher Education Bill. Commons amendments: School Standards and Framework Bill, report: Welfare of Government is looking into Livestock (Amendment) Regulations; Air Carrier Liability Order: Deregulation (Taxis and Private Hire poorest pensioners claim Vehicles) Order.



Judge backs tobacco firms' challenge

FOUR TOBACCO companies By KATE WATSON-SMYTH yesterday won the right to bring a High Court challenge against a report calling for a ban on tobacco advertising and smoking in public places.

Granting leave for a judicial review, Mr Justice Moses said that the report, by the Scientific Committee on Tobacco and Health (SCOTH), might do "commercial damage" to the tobacco companies. He added that it was "arguable" that they should have been consulted and given the chance to comment before the report was

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(BAT), Gallaher, Imperial and Rothmans were given leave to seek a judicial review and an order quashing the report, which was published in March. They also want an injunction restraining the Government from taking the report into account when considering new smoking

and health legislation. Chris Procter, the head of science and regulation for BAT, welcomed the judge's decision and described statements in the report accusing the tobacco industry of targeting children and non-smokers as "ahso-

lutely outrageous". "Children should not smoke and we want to work with the Government to ensure kids are not smok-

ing," he said. Mr Procter said the report had been selective in its use of scientific studies and had chosen to ignore important evidence. "The report ignored two studies about the effects of passive smoking and heart disease because they were funded by the tobacco industry.

We would like a proper look at the science behind the call for a ban on smoking in public places and we hope that some of the outrageous statements in

this report will be amended or they had been made without any removed. The judge has agreed with the UK tobacco companies that there is a case for SCOTH to answer. That is a very

significant development." In his ruling, Mr Justice Moses said that the SCOTH report appeared to be an attack on the "commercial morality" of the tobacco companies.

The committee, made up of independent scientific experts and the Government's main adviser on tobacco issues, had chosen to record remarks that, on face value, had the power to cause instant and irreparahle damage, he said, adding that

comment on the independence or reliability of their source.

The committee had a choice either to seek comment or to omit the critical material. Had it omitted that material the report would not have suffered in any way, he said. "After all, it was intended to be a scientifically rigorous report. Arguably there was not much scientific rigour about the passages I

have quoted." A spokeswoman for SCOTH said permission for the judicial review was granted on the narrow point that the committee could have been expected to

consult the tobacco companies before including the opinions of a marketing expert on the industry's marketing and promotion strategy.

"It should be noted that the decision to grant leave does not impugn the accuracy of the committee's conclusions," she said. "It merely reflects the fact that, on one particular aspect, its procedure may have been open to criticism."

Bill O'Neill, a science and research adviser to the British Medical Association, accused the tobacco industry of "posturing", and said it has had ample opportunity to publish

any scientific information that smoking-related diseases. It is it felt had not been submitted to SCOTH, "We are confident of the scientific evidence that breathing other people's smoke causes disease. There are arguments about the strength of

the harm and the size of the

risk, but there's no doubt that

the risk is there." Clive Bates, the director of Action on Smoking and Health and health." (ASH), said: "Leave for a judicial review has been granted solely on the grounds of a statement in the report that the tobacco industry needs to recruit 300 new smokers a day to re-

typical that the tobacco industry should continue to deny the obvious.

"There is hardly any chance that they will succeed and ASH has expressed incredulity at the industry's self-importance and its unwillingness to accept what are universally agreed to be core facts surrounding tobacco

The four companies produce more than 90 per cent of all UK brands. They argued that they were not trying to lure young smokers but seeking to build up hrand loyalty among existing



Royal park's café set to go underground

AN "ECO-CHIC" cafe, half By Nonte Nieswand underground and with a roof made of grass, is to be built in the heart of St James's Park, London, The £1.6m wooden huilding will replace the existing Cake House, a concrete-

and-glass café built in the 1970s. The Grade One listed site has been contoured so that the new huilding will not be visible from the Mall. Designed to follow the ground plan of John Nash, who laid out the park in 1827 on curvilinear paths, two interlocking shells made of larch will occupy these paths at a junction so that it can only be seen obliquely on approach.

By contouring the building into a lower level, the architects, Michael Hopkins and Partners, who won a competition held by the Royal Parks to rebuild the Cake House, have been able to create the swoop of the roof as a hill. Low-growing plants over the roof return 500 square metres to parkland, but walking upon it will be discouraged.

Mark Fisher, the Minister for Arts and Architecture, said: The challenge was to ensure first-class facilities for visitors to the park without detracting from this masterpiece of English landscape design."

From the lakeside, a sheltered colonnade can seat 100 on balustrades that double as benches. Larch is used both for Tom Pilston the structure and panels, which received.

will weather to a silvery grey. Iroko hardwood from sustainable sources has been used for the decking.

Behind the colonnade, a glazed entrance leads into the 120-seater restaurant. Royal Parks resisted the inclination to turn this prime lakeside site, with its view of ducks and willows, into an expensive

Although Seventies huildings have come back into fashion with the blue-plaque hrigade, few will mourn the existing Cake House when it is demolished. Andy Barnett, a project director from Hopkins and Partners, describes the Cake House as "a spirited little Seventies plece that had passed its sell-by date".

No sooner had the obtrusive concrete and glass pavilion designed by Eric Bedford of the Ministry of Works opened in 1970 than It leaked. Worse, it was too small, and a clumsy extension all around the circumference was hastily erected.

The Queen, who lives nearby, was not consulted on the plans to replace the Cake House, though a Royal Parks spokesman pointed out that the winning firm designed the ticket stall outside Buckingham Palace, which was well

Scientists show Friar Tuck Call for five-term school year lived up to his image

BY STEVE CONNOR Science Editor

THE IMAGE of medieval monks as gluttonous Friar Tucks has been backed by archaeologists investigating two monastic burial sites in London.

Some of the skeletons found in these cemeteries are affected by a condition found in severely obese men where the bones of the spine fuse together to resemble dripping wax.

The condition, known as diffuse idiopathic skeletal hyperostosis, shows that the monks did not always sup as frugally as they were supposed to under the rules of their Cistercian Archaeologists working for

the Museum of London uncovered the akeletons at the site of St Mary Stratford Langhorne in East London, which is being excavated as part of the Jubilee Line construction, and Merton Priory in south London.

A report in the journal British Archaeology said there is other evidence to suggest the monks lived well: "Skeletons



Friar Tuck, brought to life by Eugene Pallette

from Stratford showed little evidence of dietary deficiency."

Al Green, archaeology project manager at the Museum of London, said the research is still m its early stages because of the huge number of skeletons - more than 500 - uncovered at the Stratford site.

The cemeteries were used

for hurying both monks and lay people but the high proportion of adult males suggest they were primarily used by the in-

habitants of the monasteries. St Mary Stratford Langthorne was founded in 1135 and survived for the next four centuries by living off the relatively fertile land on the north bank of the Thames, Mr Green said. Although it would technically have been subsistence farming. the skeletons suggest there was no shortage of food.

Previous research by Barbara Harvey, history don at Somerville College in Oxford, suggested that Benedictine monks of the 16th century ate colossal meals resulting in the consumption of more than 7,000

calories a day. Records of what went through a typical monastic kitchen showed that the monks ate six shoulders of mutton at one meal. Calculations based on the number of monks eating together and the size of a typical medieval sheep suggested that each man ate three pounds of meat at a single sitting.

TEACHERS' EMPLOYERS yes- By Judith Judd

terday demanded a government inquiry into proposals to make sweeping changes to the school year, including the end

of the long summer holiday. Leaders of local authorities. who employ teachers, supported proposals which may spell the end of the present threeterm year and its replacement

by a four or five-term year. Schools would have, for instance, five instead of six or seven weeks holiday in the summer, two weeks in October. two at Christmas, two in March and two in May.

Education Editor

Teachers' leaders condemned the plan, but Education Action Zones in the London Boroughs of Newham and Croydon, set up by the Government to be test beds for the school system of the next century, are already investigating how to introduce a four or five-

term year. Charles Nolda, director of employment affairs at the Local Government Management Board, said: "We are ending the twentieth century with a school

found that they were very successful in reducing teacher

The employers' hlueprint.

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erating on working time that

Graham Lane, chair of the

National Employers' Organi-

said city technology colleges

which ran five-term years had

was 300 years out of date."

year based on a agrarian soci-ety. A more logical arrangement eight weeks in return for a for the school year is not radical, it is common sense. No substantial pay rise. well-managed organisation out-Pupils would be in school for

no longer than at present hut teachers would use the extra time for training, lesson preparation, administration, staff meetings and parents' evenings

sation for School Teachers, If the Government turns down the request for an inquiry which would report by next April, local authorities say that

they will hold their own. Mr Lane warned ministers

night, includes a proposal to cut teachers' pay and conditions to teachers' holidays from 13 to avoid a recruitment crisis. "There is plenty of evidence that teachers' pay and conditions of service are not attractive to young graduates," he

Peter Smith, general secre-tary of the Association of Teachers and Lecturers, said: Countries which outperform the UK in education do not achieve success by working teachers to death. Local authorities should point to a single international competitor with the sort of school year they that there must be changes to are suggesting."

which was sent to ministers last Head suspended over student violence

A SPECIAL school has been closed for a week and its head teacher suspended after teachers complained about truancy and violence by pupils.

Liverpool City Council sent a team into Wheathill school in the Belle Vale area of the city. last week after complaints of attacks on teaching staff.

Mike Cording, the school's head teacher, was suspended

Education Correspondent

pending the outcome of an investigation into the running of the school.

The move followed a two-day inspection by a team appointed by the local authority. Council leaders concluded they were "unable to guarantee the welfare of pupils and staff".

The school caters for 70 children aged hetween five and 16 with emotional and behavioural difficulties. All will attend classes elsewhere or will have home tuition while the school

Paul Clein, chairman of Liverpool City Council's education committee, said he hoped the school would re-open next week with a senior inspector in

is closed.

place as head teacher. "We have closed the school for a week as a temporary measure. This is standard procedure in such cases, as is the suspension of the head teacher," he said.

We will now have a series of meetings hetween teachers and LEA officers to determine where we go from here. In such cases it is normal to appoint a senior inspector as

not a situation which arises all that often. The most important thing is that we get this

situation sorted out," he added. "It is our duty to protect the welfare of pupils and staff and obviously we also have a duty to supply education and we are conscious that there is a continuance of education for the pupils of this school."

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BMA chief attacks 'cruel Britannia'

FIFTY YEARS after the BY JEREMY LAURANCE National Health Service was founded to close the health gap between rich and poor, millions of Britons still find themselves living in a country better described as "cruel Britannia" than Cool Britannia, Sir Alexander Macara, chairman of

said yesterday. Despite government promises to tackle bealth inequalities and the appointment of the country's first minister of public health there was still no real evidence of the Government's commitment to the task, he desperately need consultant

Health Editor

Giving his valedictory address to the BMA's annual conference in Cardiff. Sir Alexander, who steps down after six years as chairman of the association on Thursday. the British Medical Association, praised the Labour government for responding to doctors' concerns and theing "good listeners". But he accused ministers of refusing to face the facts about pressures on the

'Populist' cancer pledge criticised

A GOVERNMENT pledge to necessary because doctors alspeed treatment and cut waiting lists for cancer patients with other more serious illnesses doctors said yesterday.

In a White Paper on the NHS published last November the Government said every patient with suspected cancer would be seen by a specialist within two weeks of their GP requesting an appointment. The two-week limit is due to come into effect next April for breast cancer patients and in April 2000 for all other cancer patients.

Speakers at the conference said it was the wrong pledge, made on the wrong principle, and sent the wrong message to the public about the danger of cancer which was not equal for all types of the disease. Dr Fiona Randall said the twoweek limit for referrals was impractical because it was difficult to define which patients ment stands by its decision to had suspected cancer and un-make cancer a bigger priority."

ready prioritised patients.

Dr Anthony Atkinson said could lead to delays for patients the Government was playing on the public's fear of cancer for populist reasons when other patients awaiting treatment for heart or digestive problems

were in equal need. At a press conference later, Dr John Chisolm, chairman of the BMA GPs' committee, said: "When you try to speed up treatment you need to speed it up on the basis of clinical need. Cancer is often an urgent matter hut so are many other

He added: "We don't want to see other patients moved down the queue for the sake of a political gesture."

A Department of Health spokeswoman said: "The sooner cancer is diagnosed the better the patient's treatment and life expectancy. The Govern-

tant expansion all the worthy aspirations about reducing waiting lists are but empty rhetoric."

The response to his remarks from the 600 delegates was notably subdued. The BMA's conference has fallen a week before the Government is expected to announce a major casti boost for the NHS, which appears to have reduced many doctors' appetite for protest about under-funding.

Speaking to reporters later. Sir Alexander said the NHS needed an extra £6bn immediately to bring United Kingdom spending up to the level of comparable European countries, followed by further increases for the next five years: "Right now we need that much more to deal with crumbling buildings, crumbling equipment and crumbling people

In his speech Sir Alexander attacked the Government's neglect of public health and medical research, "A generation of the most highly trained public health specialists in the world remains mal-deployed and under-utilised," he said.

He cribcised the Government's U-turn on the private finance initiative, which it had opposed in Opposition, saying it brought "short-term gain for long-term pain." Five major hospital schemes have so far been approved under the initlative which requires NHS trusts to raise funds from the private sector for new hospitals hut means that they pay higher commercial rates of interest

Sir Alexander sald "the ringing sincerity" of the Prime Minister's commitment to the NHS in his speech to last week's 50th anniversary conference gave cause for hope. But he said the need for hard choices would continue and reiterated his demand for a national debate on



Planespotters on the roof of Terminal 2 at Heathrow and, below, getting a closer look

At busy times the planespotters come in one after the other ...

TRAINSPOTTING MAY be a pastime that is nearing the end of the line, but planespotting has taken off.

These aircraft enthusiasts have gathered on the tatty rooftop of Heathrow's Terminal 2, intent on spotting and jotting down the identities of all the jets

"Most airlines have got elusive aircraft. I have spent years getting certain planes - hut I always get them in the end." explains John Adcock, who has retired after 40 years in the health service and now spends three days a week spotting.

BY RANDEEP RAMESH Transport Correspondent

Mark Burgess, a 27-yearold insurance underwriter from Cheltenham, had taken a day off to come to Heathrow. "Today, I have got this Air Macau plane. That should be in Hong Kong but it is being leased to Air Portugal. It is very rare to see them in Europe.

Richard Cooper, assistant editor of Aircraft Illustrated. says that it is "amazing" how popular planespotting has become. "One military hase in Lincolnshire had to put up a viewing enclosure because of the sbeer numbers turning up to spot aircraft."

come cheap. Apart from a vacuum flask and notebook. planespotters require a camera with a long lens. radio scanner and video camera if they are properly to capture the very rarest of steel hirds. Then there is the travelling. "You can spend thousands," says Mr Burgess. "I have travelled to Japan, Singapore, America. Canada, Spain, France, Germany, Belgium and Greece to spot planes."

The global nature of the appear to be in terminal hobby is part of its attraction. decline. According to the Last Friday morning, more

Last week, groups of planespotters travelled from Hong Kong Tek airport.

to see the last planes land at Kai Despite the cost, planespotting has survived and thrived where its older cousins -

train-, hus- and car-spotting -

publisher Ian Allen, its guides containing all the registration letters of planes sell nearly eight times those that list bus

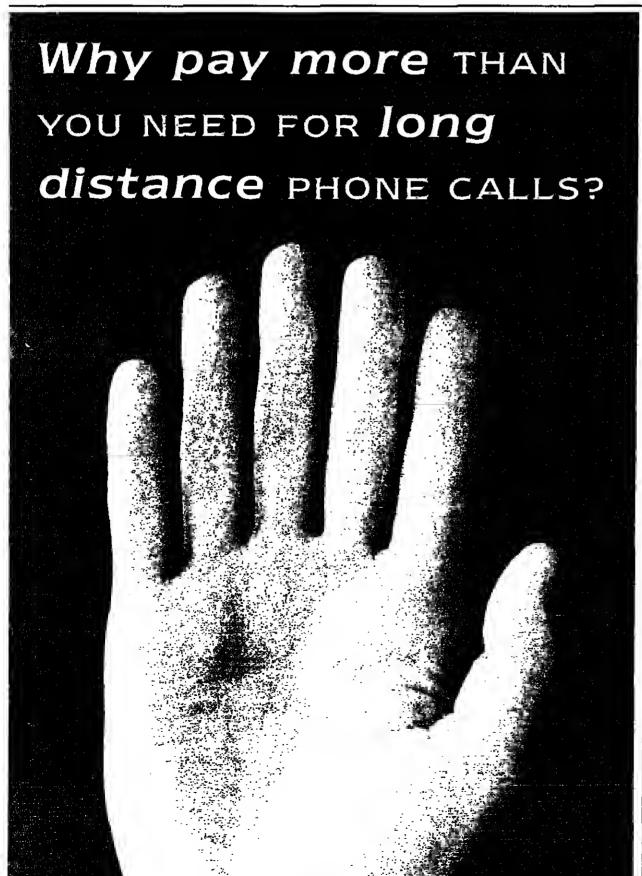
and train numbers. Trainspotting in particular has seen a drastic drop in numbers. Spotters have become than 30 enthusiasts could be found at Heathrow, whereas only one "gricer" could be found at any London rail ter-

"Part of the problem is that there just is not much new stock on the network," says Phil Sutton, co-editor of Rail Express. However Mr Sutton says that privatisation may revive interest in the hohby. "It is not dead, it just seems to be dying out. But we are seeing more liveries and that could spark more

Part of the problem is that any form of spotting invites the scorn of those on the outside. For most people, the pastimes are synonymous with grapbhirts and tatty anor Many view them as a relic of

a by-gone age. Experts say that is a crude caricature. These people are basically normal," said Dr David Weekes, a clinical neuropsychiatrist at Edinburgh who conducted a decade-long study

into "English eccentrics". "The worse that can be said is that they are boring. A lot of trainspotters that I met during my research were divorced The usual reason their wives scarce on railway platforms. left them was because they



Motorists face £2.3m payout ban from City for cerebral of London

MOTORISTS COULD be banned BY RANDEEP RAMESH from the City of London, leaving streets clear for "highvalue" business traffic. under controversial plans put forward by City councillors.

Another separate proposal would see drivers charged £3 to enter the Square Mile. in order to curb traffic levels in the capital. But chauffeur-driven cars and limousine services, along with the emergency services, would be allowed "unfettered" access.

Councillors say that without such measures, London's status as a leading financial centre is under threat. A report by the corporation's engineers claims: "Excessive volumes of through traffic on local roads seriously affects the daily routine required between City organisations. Typically these high-valueof-time City movements may comprise such elements as clients visiting financial institutions, board meetings etc."

It warned "unless through traffic is actively prevented ... City, as a place to do husiness,

is at risk". Motoring organisations described the plans as elitist and unfair. "You would be creating first- and second-class

"The problem is not just about the traffic through the City. What you nuight end up doing is just pushing traffic on to the roads of the neighbouring boroughs. What is required is a strategic body which would coordinate between the local au-

At present, 250,000 vehicles enter the City every day and 70 per cent of this traffic "neither starts nor finishes" its journey within the Square Mile. The corporation is seeking ministerial approval for a trial period to test how motorists would respond to the proposals. A spokeswoman for the De-

partment of Environment, Transport and the Regions said "there were a number of issues that needed to be examined carefully before going ahead". One version of the scheme would see video cameras used

to track and charge cars automatically. Another would see a vetting procedure hand out the vitality and efficiency of the permits only to certain drivers. Some experts duuhted

whether the current law would allow the corporation to proceed. "It is unclear how they would discriminate hetween vehicles and how the law would road citizens," said Edmund let them." said Paul Watters. King, a spokesman for the RAC. head of policy at the AA.

palsy boy, 12

A 12-YEAR-OLD boy who was severely disabled during his birth at a military hospital was awarded £2.35 million damages against the Ministry of Defence.

The award to Christopher

Firmin, who has cerebral palsy and needs 24-hour care. is one of the largest of its kind. Christopher was disabled after being starved of oxygen for six hours while the was heing horn at the British Military Hospital in Hanover, in

what was then West Germany. The Ministry of Defence had admitted liability and Christopher was awarded the sum at a London High Court

hearing. Dr Michael Powers QC, for the settlement for Christo-Christopher, told the court: This proposed settlement for a cerebral palsy case is, if not the highest, certainly one of the

The large amount was based on the fact that Christopher had a near-normal life expectancy despite his severe disabilities, which had left him wheelchair-hound and unable to feed himself unaided. Dr

Powers said. He added: "It is a hlessing that he has retained normal intelligence."

Mr. Justice Tucker approved



Christopher Firmin, who

pher, telling the court: "I can only hope that he will bave, despite his disability, a happy

Later Christopber's mother Jill Smith said: "We could not be happier. It is very early days to even begin to imagine

the difference it will make." Mrs Smith, 37, who gave up her joh as a nurse at the Fallingbostel Army base, near Hanover, to care for her son. said the first thing they would do would be to buy a specially adapted house for Christopber

Aborigine fury erupts over land bill

OPPONENTS OF Australia's By ROBERT MILLIKEN planned Aboriginal land rights law launched a last-ditch battle yesterday to scuttle the bill which the former Labor prime minister Paul Keating condemned as a betrayal of black

As Aboriginal groups held a troubled by this. "national day of shame", parliament was told that it would be pandering to racists by passing the bill under a deal struck last week by the Liberal-Howard and the independent senator Brian Harradine. In a front-page article in the Sydney Morning Herald, Mr Keating accused John Howard, the conservative prime minister who replaced him two years ago, of being a "redneck" who had betrayed Aborigines.

On the front lawn of Parliament House, Canberra, protesters planted a sea of bands", a mass of coloured cardboard symbols that spelt out the word "shame", as the bill which limits Aboriginal rights over traditional lands was debated in the upper house, the Senate.

The Labor opposition and government agree that some new legislation is needed to regulate native title - uncertain land rights granted by the courts in recent years. But the opposition says the government is going too far in protecting farmers from Aboriginal

The opposition justice spokesman Nick Bolkus said that future Australian generations would ultimately be ashamed of parliament a role in limiting Aboriginal rights. "Today is the day of appeasement of racists and racism," he

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In his article, Mr Keating employed the colourful and scathing language for which he is famous. His main targets were Mr Harradine and Frank Brennan, a Catholic priest who has been a staunch supporter of Aboriginal rights but who appeared last week to side with Mr Harradine's latest tactics.

"Talk about meddling priests!" Mr Keating said. When Aborigines see Brennan, Harradine and other professional Catholics coming they should tell them to clear out. For only Aborigines know what their permanent interests are and how few are the others in politics who will truly fight for in Sydney

them." If Australia had gone to a general election over native title, it is clear that racial division would have surfaced but Mr Keating did not appear to be

nan, he said, may have imagined they had saved the country from a race-based election.

National Prime Minister John Howard from paying the price moral problem.

"Howard's price would have been a transitory one - his demise, if it happened, but a blip on the screen of our history. The price for the Aborigines is permanent. Extinguishment is final. There will be no revival of certain rights."

here to the Howard bill's refusal to allow Aborigines to negotiate such rights.

Ever since the Australian High Court ruled in 1996 that Aboriginal native title could coexist with farming activities on pastoral leases, farmers have waged a strong campaign for the government to extinguish

In Queensland and Western Australia, physically the biggest es rather than freehold title.

with co-existence of title on pastoral leases?" Mr Keating "Immense properties with

square kilometres and Aborigines exercising a right to traverse and live there? Where is one right incon-

sistent with another? Will the sight of an Aborigine on the borizon somehow make the cow's life unbearable?

lem? The Aborigines said clearly that, where pastoralists' rights were inconsistent in any way with their rights over the same land, they would accept the pastoral right as the dominant one."

Mr Harradine and Mr Bren-

"In reality, they have saved of his folly, and made the Aborigines pay it instead. The country, meanwhile, is apparently supposed to give thanks for being saved once more from honestly facing our oldest

Mr Keating was referring

with companies who want to mine on pastoral leases. Farmers on the same leases have

native title rights altogether.

states, most farming land is comprised of pastoral leases, where farmers hold long leas-"And what was the problem

one cow to every few bundred

"Whatever was the prob-

Protesters mark the 'day of shame' on the lawns of Parliament House. Canberra, before a crucial vote on Aboriginal land rights

Michael Bowers/Reuters

Serb faces first UN genocide trial

A BOSNIAN SERB pleaded not BY MARCUS TANNER guilty yesterday in the first trial for genocide to open at the UN War Crimes Tribunal at the Hague. Milan Kovacevic, 57, said: "No, not guilty, your honour" as each count was read

He has been charged with genocide, war crimes and crimes against burnanity for his role in running three notorious detention centres in the Prijedor district of north-west Bosnia.

Thousands of Muslim and Croat civilians were held at the camps at Omarska, Keraterm and Trnopolje after war broke out in Bosnia in 1992, and many were killed, raped and tortured. If convicted, he faces

British SAS troops working for the Nato-led peace forces in Bosnia snatched Kovacevic and

one other suspect last year in Prijedor. The other suspect, Simo Drijaca, pulled a gun and was shot dead. Television pictures of condi-

tions in the Prijedor camps shown in July 1992 shocked the world. A memorable shot showed an emaciated, skeletal man fingering the wire fence of the camp hehind which the TV crew was filming. "The evidence will show that

the accused acted with the intention to ... commit genocide," Brenda Hollis, for the prosecution, said. She said camp guards at Omarska and Keraterm "were free to kill, torture and rape" with no intervention from their superiors. "In Omarska, people saw corpses



Milan Kovacevic, accused of prison camp atrocities

every day., killings were routine in Keraterm." There were so many dead bodies at Omarska that large trucks were needed at times to remove them from the camp, she said.

Kovacevic's lawyer. Dusan Vucicevic, insisted the defendant did not harbour ill feelings toward other ethnic groups.

Kovacevic's function was deputy president of the Prijedor Krizni Stab (Crisis Committee). a body loyal to the Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic and his ultra-nationalist Serb Democratic Party. It was set up in spring 1992 as the former Yugoslav republic slid towards ethnic warfare.

Serbs were a majority in the countryside round Prijedor, while the Muslims dominated the towns. That made it easy for Kovacevic's group to organise the seizure of the terrain, bem in the Muslims and deal with them at their leisure.

Thousands of Muslims and Croats who failed to escape to Croatia as the Serbs attacked were transported to the camps. tres to let Western observers in. established in emply factories. The Prijedor Krizni Stab was livid but had to comply with the Some, usually the most prominent citizens, were simply excommand. ecuted. The unluckiest were Kovacevic is the first to stand trial on genocide charges. tortured, or forced to perform inhuman acts on other prison-

a bungle by his boss, Radovan

the Bosnian Serbs were com-

The tribunal has also indicted Mr Karadzic and his wartime ers, such as mutilation. Most of the women prisoners were kept military commander, Ratko at Troopolje, where rape and Mladic. The trial comes after the Tritorture were commonplace, tribunal prosecutors say. That Western TV crews ever got to film what Kovacevic and

hunal had the embarrassment of a leading war crime suspect committing suicide in prison. Slavko Dokmanovic, Serh his men are alleged to have presided over was the result of mayor of Vukovar in the early 1990s, cheated a possible guilty Karadzic. Seemingly unaware verdict over the murder of of what was going in Prijedor, about 260 Croat hospital patients in Vukovar in November and stung by accusations that 1991. Kovacevic is one of 27 demitting atrocities, he handed tainees at the court's detention out permits to journalists orcentre who are facing war dering the commanders of the crimes charges or awalting the controversial "detention" cenoutcome of appeal.

Kremlin offers Cold War weapons for satellite use

A MILESTONE in nuclear dis- By STEVE CONNOR armament will be reached today when a Russian submarine launches a Western scientific satellite using one of the most deadly weapons in the

Cold War arsenal. Instead of landing on London or Washington, the Russian SS-23 missile will lift the first civilian satellite into orbit from an underwater launch pad. A Soviet-built submarine, the Novomoskovsk, will launch the German-made satellite from a position in the Barents Sea just a few miles from the Russian naval port of Murmansk

The Russians are keen to offer their stockpile of intercontinental ballistic missiles (ICBMs) for launching commercial satellites. The only alternative under the terms of the 1993 Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty would be to destroy them.

The advantage of a submarine launch is that it can take place in any weather from almost anywhere in the world, according to Russian officials in charge of the project. "Any time at all in any conditions," said Vyacheslav Danilkin, deputy general designer at the Makeyev State Rocket Centre. in the Urals city of Miass where the rocket was built

Today's launch, scheduled for 4pm, is the first important

Science Editor

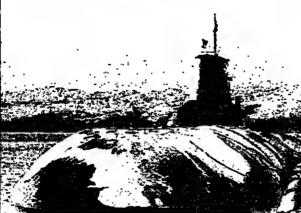
test of the Russian navy's ability to control a civilian satellite project. If successful, it stands to gain dozens of orders from Western companies operating

The German-built satellite. called Tubsat, is designed to track moving objects on the ground and can monitor the movements of anything from rare animals to stolen cars. according to Professor Udo Renner, of the Technical University of Berlin, who belped to develop the satellite.

We are a little nervous. We usually always tell the press in advance about a launch but this time we thought we would keep it quiet but it has leaked out." the professor said. "This is the first test of a submarine launch and so far everything is going fine. The Russians have been very professional."

The SS-23 ballistic missile has a range of 8,300 miles, but its extra rocket stage can lift the 10kg (22lb) satellite from several feet underwater to an altitude of ahout 770km (480

Dr Andrew Coates, a satellite expert at the Mullard Space Science Laboratory at University College London, said the launch will mark an important



A Russian Typhoon class nuclear submarine

process. "It points to an increasing use of military rockets for peaceful purposes. The problems of launching from underwater are presumably as difficult as putting a warhead on Land-launched Russian

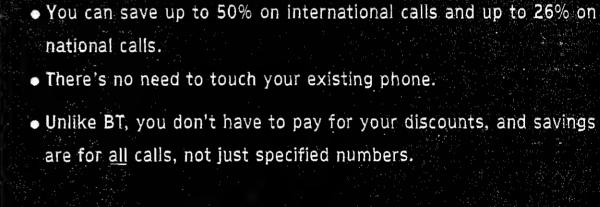
ICBMs have already been used to launch civilian satellites but a submarine launch offers some important advantages. "By launching a satellite from the Barents Sea the Russians can put civilian satellites

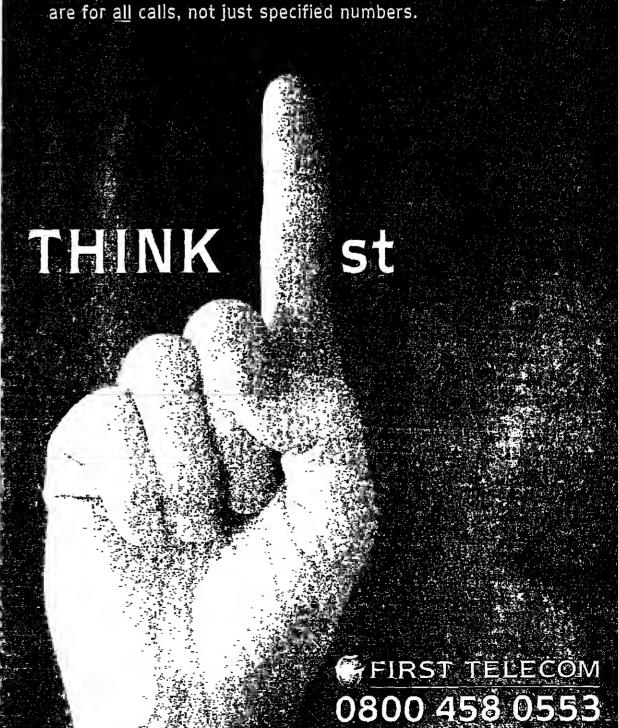
into a much more northerly inclination, which means they can cover a greater area of the world," Dr Coates said. Alexander Smirnov,

point in the disarmament spokesman for the Russian navy, said that using submarine missiles to launch satellites is the best way of getting rid of them. "Why scrap them into useless pieces of metal when there is such a brilliant chance to make best use of them?"

> The Russian navy has seven Delta-IV class submarines which can each carry 16 SS-23 missiles. Mr Smirnov said that launching satellites will enable Russian crews to retain their technical skills, which are being lost through lack of test firing.

American satellite companies have complained that the Russians are undercutting their business with cheap launches.





Shanghai opens to British flights

CHINA HAS agreed to give British airlines direct access to Shanghai for the first time and allow more flights between London and Peking, John Prescott, the Deputy Prime Minister, said

yesterday. Although some details of the air-passenger service agreement were still being worked ont, Mr Prescott said the deal was a significant achievement of what be called his "successful and productive" week-long visit to China.

Under the air services agreement Mr Prescott sealed with China's Vice-Premier Wu Bangguo, British carriers will begin two flights a week to Shanghai this year with two

more to be added in 2000. Weekly flights between London and Peking will rise to five next summer and six a year later. It has not been decided which British carriers would

Mr Prescott hailed the agreement as "a significant

step forward" in aviation relahons between the two coun-

"I have no doubt that increased trade, husiness and tourism will justify further increases in air services soon," be

Mr Prescott also met Shi Guangsheng, who called for British help in getting Europe to lift trade restrictions on Chinese goods, including bans on frozen chicken and seafood.

Mr Prescott was the fifth member of the Cabinet to visit China. The visits are scheduled to culminate with the Prime Minister Tony Blair's trip to Peking in October.

The Chinese Premier Zhu Rongji conveyed his hopes for Mr Blair's visit during a three-China's foreign trade minister, hour meeting last Friday. His agenda focused on a range of environmental and business issues. The latter included shipping, finance, insurance, aviation and water treatment.

Honour saved by the art squad

THREE WORKS by Van Gogh BY ANNE HANLEY and Cézanne. stolen from Rome's National Gallery of Modern Art in May, were recovered by Italian police early yesterday in raids on apartments in Rome and Turin.

L'Arlesienne and Le Jardinier ty Van Gogh, and Cézanne's Le Chonnon de Jourdan were without their frames hut otherwise appeared to be in perfect condition when displayed at a press conference in Rome .

Eight people, including a female member of the Modern Art Gallery's security staff, were arrested in the operation, said the chief of the Carabinieri police art squad, General Roberto Conforti, who co-ordinated the search for the missing canvases.

The inquiry, he added, was continuing and more arrests were expected. Of the two works found in Rome, one was discovered wrapped in blankets under a bed while the other was on top of a wardrobe.

The works, valued at £ 25m. were stolen on the night of 19 May in the first armed robbery in an Italian museum since 1992. The three female guards the gallery.

on duty were forced at gunpoint to de-activate the gallery's alarm system as three hooded thieves removed the oil paintings from a room containing works by leading 19thcentury artists, including Degas, Monet, Courbet and

The gallery's night staff were left bound, gagged and unable to notify police, who arrived on the scene hours after the robbers had made their getaway.

Only after the theft was the gallery's alarm system linked up to a police switchboard.

The crime provoked a storm of criticism over museum security. "This was a bleeding wound that Italy didn't deserve," the Deputy Prime Min-ister, Walter Veltroni, said. "Today the wound is closed."

Investigators have been on the trail of the thieves for the past month, General Conforti said. He told a press conference that the inquiry began with close surveillance, including phone taps, of security staff at



Italian police and carabinieri show the two recovered Van Goghs (left and far right) and the Cézanne stolen from Rome

eral Conforti's art squad, which The general said all the peo-The Cézanne, painted short-Heritage Ministry.

ple involved were professional thieves with criminal records. The heist was not carried out on commission, and a huyer for the works was still being sought, he added.

The two Van Goghs were the only works by the Dutch artist

ly before his death in 1906, was the only work by that artist now remaining at the Modern Art Gallery: a double-sided water colour disappeared from the building's storerooms in February 1992 and has never been

The latest success for Gen-

worked closely with civilian police in the operation, provides a fresh boost for the reputation of a body which now recovers around 50 per cent of all art and artefacts reported stolen in

Art thefts fell by 40 per cent

according to the Cultural

While so many other departments of the Italian state appear incapable of functioning efficiently the art squad stands out, mysteriously, as something of an exception.

Italy's museums, private in the early months of this year, owners and almost countless

local museums and churches churches possess about onethird of the world's known

historic art works. But traditionally little attention has been paid to ensuring security for this vast heritage. Between 1970 and 1996 about 470.000 items went missing.

Many of these treasures have been taken from small curity in Italy's museums.

AN ARGENTINE former police

officer has broken two decades'

silence to talk about the disap-

pearance of two French nuns in

the dictatorship's "dirty war",

Using the alias Mario

Gomez, he threatened a re-

porter from Perfil newspaper,

which published the interview

dumped in a river.

Death squad

'dumped French

which can barely afford to provide sufficient lighting for their art works, let alone instal effective alarm systems.

Plinio Lepri/AP

In an attempt to stem the flow of art losses, the ministry last year set up a special 170bn lire fund for improving se-

US delegation sounds out Nigeria

UNCERTAINTY OVER the timing of the release of Moshood Ahiola, Nigeria's most prominent political prisoner and the man deprived of the Presidency in the voided election of 1993, is a sobering reminder of the obstacles in the way of a stable and credible democracy in Africa's most populous

Last night, as the weightiest have not. US delegation in five years ar-Chief Abiola's return to freedom still seemed only days, if not hours away, and could be finalised when the new military ruler, Abdulsalam Abubakar, this week sets out his plans to

return Nigeria to civilian rule. But although the Chief is understood to have dropped his claim to he immediately in- to meet "credible opposition

stalled as President, saying he wants to focus on rebuilding his former massive business interests, the picture is not quite so simple. If their leader seems to have accepted the view of Europe and the UN that he no longer has a popular mandate to take over, Abiola supporters

Last night, the leader of the Thomas Pickering, the State Department's third ranking official, was drawn into the dispute, as the main opposition group urged him not to repeat the mistake of the UN Secretary General Kofi Annan last week, of staying "closeted in [the capital] Ajuba" and failing



Abubakar: Has already freed 30 political prisoners

groups". These groups, mostly based in Lagos in the south, insist Chief Abiola should head a provisional government of

pare the ground for elections. Otherwise, they contend, there is no guarantee the country will not slide back into military dictatorship, whatever the good intentions of General Abubakar.

Thus the Chief's release may yet be delayed, clouding the euphoria since the death of General Sani Abacha, whose and subject to diplomatic and political sanctions.

In the four weeks since, General Abubakar has already freed 30 of Nigeria's estimated 250 or more political prisoners and signalled he intends to hand power hack to civilian politicians. He has purged one of General Abacha's most pow-

security chief Major Hamza al-Mustapha, replacing him with a close colleague. But his han-dling of Chief Abiola will be the acid test. Renewed ties with the US

are an important part of the process of rehabilitation. Nigeria is the biggest market in Africa for the US, which is the brutal rule made Nigeria an in- main customer for Nigeria's oil, ternational outcast, suspended its most important export. As tentially richest country, Nigeria is a key regional power and is as good as his word - a natural strategic partner for

Washington. Even so. Nigeria's return to the international fold will not be overnight. The Commonwealth is doing all it can to encourage overly object.

erful and feared advisers, the a return to political normality, hut says the membership suspension will not be lifted until elections are held.

Originally the deadline was 1 October, but that had already been made a mockery of by General Abacha, who had lined himself up as the sole candidate, backed by five officially approved parties.

General Abubakar is expected to seek a delay when he future later this week, and one Lagos paper predicted he may -assuming General Abubakar put the election back by up to a year to allow new parties to be registered and organised. But provided the end is not in doubt, and a monitoring process is in place, the Commonwealth and others will not

yesterday, saying that she would "have 24 hours to live" if she revealed his true identity. "Gomez" said he was a senior officer in a federal police task group - the official euphemism for the death squads - during the 1976-83 military dictatorship. The operations that his group carried out included the death of the nuns, Leonie Duquet and Alice Domon, in 1977. They are among thousands of people who disappeared into torture centres.

ers were buried in secret graves. Human rights groups estimate that 30,000 died or disappeared in the dirty war. Official records list 15,000

Some were thrown into the

ocean from "death flights", oth-

The nuns' kidnapping is hlamed on former navy captain Alfredo Astiz, dubbed the Blond Angel", a notorious death squad officer who has been sentenced in absentia by French courts to life in prison.

The nuns were helping the human rights group Mothers of Plaza de Mayo when it was infiltrated by Astiz. They are believed to have been taken to the The cross that is upsetting navy's ESMA torture centre, but Jews Reutera the exact circumstances of their navy's ESMA torture centre, but

nuns in river' death is not known. "Gomez" said they "were not nuns, they

worked as couriers for the left". He said their disappearance was managed by another navy saying that their bodies were officer, Jorge "Tigre" Acosta, killed, only what happened to their corpses. "When the women you call nuns were eliminated, they were put in a drum which was dumped in front of the hotel in Tigre [a delta near Buenos Aires), at the canal entry," he said.

"Gomez" said he "shot to kill and killed on 22 occasions" but was not sorry for his role in the terror. "I do not repent of anything. Everything I did, I did knowing it was right, Anyone can repent, not me. I was the hest," he said. However, he said his own daughter rejected him when she found out what he did: "She said she was disgusted and doesn't let me see my granddaughter." "Gomez" said that as well as

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combating Argentine guerrillas he also went on missions to Nicaragua and El Salvador He was not prosecuted in the trials of the juntas in the Eighties and said authorities could not track him down because he had successfully used an alias in the death squad.

Earlier this year, Alfredo Astiz gave an interview in which he boasted tie was "the best-trained man in this country to kill a politician or a journalist". It cost him his navy rank and pension and a prompted a string of lawsuits against him for defending the dirty war.

Polish cross stalls Auschwitz accord



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A CONTROVERSY over a large cross outside the former Nazi death camp at Auschwitz may keep Jewish groups from signing a declaration supporting the Polish government's efforts to renovate the camp and its surrounding area. The Polish authorities and

representatives of Jewish organisations were supposed to sign the declaration in mid-July. But an aide to the Polish Prime Minister, Jerzy Buzek, told the Rzeczpospolita newspaper that the declaration will not be signed then as planned. Agnieszka Mago Magdziak-

Miszewska said leaders of the World Jewish Congress have suggested they cannot sign the declaration, which received preliminary approval in March 1997 from representatives of pected to begin on Thursday. about 20 Jewish organisations, because they object to the presence of the cross near the camp. Jewish organisations argue that the 26ft cross disturbs the memory of the more than one million Jews who died there and they want it removed.

For other Poles, the cross, located where 152 Nazi resisters were murdered in 1941, remains a symbol of the nation's martyrdom under the Second World War German occupation. Krzysztof Sliwinski, a Polish

Foreign Ministry official in charge of Polish-Jewish relations, said that the issue may be discussed when Poland's Prime Minister meets Jewish leaders during his visit to the United States - a visit which is ex-

Work on the 10-year, \$93.5m redevelopment at Auschwitz began last year. Poland has earmarked 60 million zlotys (\$20m) over five years for the

Among the main additions will be a link between Auschwitz and Birkenau, the former camp's two integral parts, which are some 1.8 miles apart. Officials hope it will encourage more people to visit both parts of the camp.

The programme also ensures the preservation of a 1,650ft protection zone established around the museum by Unesco in 1979, and it will offer economic incentives for the surrounding city of Oswiecim. which has a population of 50,000.



Berbers protest

HUNDREDS OF Berbers took to the streets of the Algerian capital, Algiers, in protest at a new law making Arabic com-pulsory for all official business. They demanded recognition

of their Tamazight tongue as an official language and chanted within a security cordon set up by anti-riot police. Up to five million Algerians

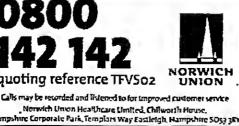
are believed to be Berberspeakers. For three decades they have tried to have their language given the same official status as

Arabic. Many Algerians fear that if the matter is not resolved hundreds of thousands of Berbers. armed by the government to fight Muslim rebels, might turn their guns against state forces.



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'I'm a prostitute – I have no choice, so I lose no self-respect'



them. I suppose this must count as a case of achievement, for it is about a young woman who has won ber independence, who has bought her own flat, who is among the top 4.5 per cent of wage earners in the country. She has higher education. And the only way she has managed to get where she is today is by selling herself as a prostitute. Nadia is not one of the tarts who stands on

THE REAL-LIFE tales of Russia in transition to

capitalism are almost always full of pain. Even

the success stories have a certain bitterness to

the main Tverskoi Street, in Moscow, serving the visitors who come out of the Intourist Hotel on one side and the politicians who emerge from the State Duma or lower house of parliament on the other. She advertises in the discreet "Introductions"

section of the Moscow Times. An intelligent woman with a rare ability to analyse her own to me without charging money. I think because she wants to explain herself and to be

We meet on a bench under the trees on Tverskoj Boulevard. I recognise Nadia immediatey from ber description of herself: petite, blonde. She is tastefully dressed in black trousers, blue and green silk blouse and denim jacket and

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MOSCOW

wears far less makeup than the average Russian secretary,

Nadia, 35, grew up in a village in Siberia and studied to become an engineer. She ended up in her present profession five years ago after her marriage to a Muscovite broke down and she suddenly found herself alone in the capital with nowhere to live. "I had a choice: either to go back to Siberia or to try and make a go of it here. There's no work now in Siberia, where the vast majority of people bave not been paid for months. So I decided to stay in Moscow, renting a flat at first."

Nadia has come to our meeting armed with facts and figures. From her handbag, she pulls situation dispassionately, she has agreed to talk out a cutting from a newspaper, which states that although Russian prices have reached world levels, wages have not caught up. Nineteen per cent of Russians earn the equivalent of US\$70 a month, 22 per cent make 100, 18 per cent have 120 and so on. Only 4.5 per cent of the population can count on a monthly income of over \$300. Nadia is one of them. After paying all her work expenses. Nadla is left with between \$600 and

\$700. for which she will have slept with 20 to 30

"A lot of the money goes to buy medicines for my mother," she says, taking out a photograph of a prematurely aged woman, her legs covered in varicose veins, sitting outside a wooden house in Siberia. "My roum worked for 45 years as a teacher of Russian Literature in the village school. Her pension today is worth \$50 a month. She has no idea what I am doing in Moscow. If she found out, it would kill her. She thinks I have a good job in a firm."

Nadia passes ber spare time improving ber English. "Your English is not bad," I say, "and you're a qualified engineer. Why don't you really get a good job in a firm?"

"Because nobody pays a living wage. I've bad other joos. I worked in a restaurant, for example. I earned \$100 a month and got shouted at all the time. If I'm going to be bumiliated, I'd rather be humiliated for a decent sum of

And so she acts as lover, psychologist and social worker to an endless stream of inadequate foreign men. "I prefer foreigners to Russians because they're safer," she says. "On the whole, the Western businessmen who come to Russia are not maniacs, something you cannot say

She may be right about that. Lyuba, another prostitute with whom I spoke before meeting Nadia, gave borrifying details of violence she had suffered at the hands of Russian mafia clients. On one occasion, she had been nearly drowned in a plunge pool when a gangland party in a sauna bath got out of hand. But Lyuba is the sort of Russian who puts a brave face on suffering. She actually said she enjoyed her job because she "liked meeting people".

A recent survey showed that prostitution is high on the list of professions that modern Russian schoolgir's dream of pursuing. "It's hardly surprising," says Nadia. "when they see that studying and honest work get them nowhere."

Nadia herself is plotting ber escape from the sex trade. She thinks she may rent out her flat in the city centre, rent a cheaper flat for herself on the outskirts and live on the difference. But first she must build up her savings, which means another year or two on the game.

"Of course I accept society's view that prostitution is a dirty business," she says. "In the West, women have a chance to use their qualifications and are not reduced to this. But since I have no choice, I feel no loss of self-respect. I think you cannot condemn me too harshly. After all, it's not my fault."

HELEN WOMACK

Smart missile scares Lebanon

ISRAEL HAS introduced a new By ROBERT FISK anti-personnel rocket into its in Beirut guerrilla war in occupied southern Lebanon, a four-foot missile which can be guided over mountains, through valleys and round houses in its search for a target.

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Code-named "Spike", the new weapon has already been used at least twice in southern Lebanon - both times at night - and has been observed by sol-diers of the United Nations' Finnish peacehoeping bettalion.

An Amal militiaman was killed and three others wounded when the rocket sought them out near the village of Toulin earlier this year. The missile appears to be

guided to its target either by a control point on the rocket's fuselage - a remote-controlled television camera, for example - or by a line-of-sight controller positioned near the potential At Toulin, guerrilla sources

suspect Israeli troops may have approached the village and remotely guided the weapon fired from a neighbouring hilltop bunker - on to the Its disadvantage, noticed by

both Finnish UN personnel and by Amal, is that it makes a roaring sound as it approaches its target and emits a threefoot tongue of flame from the rear of the missile.

It was the sound of its engine that alerted the four Amal men, giving three of them time to throw themselves to the ground and avoid serious injury.

The "Spike" is believed to be made by the Israeli Raphael missile company, which at present has close technical and financial links with the US Lockheed aerodynamics company in Florida.

But the missile has not had a happy career. Weapons specialists believe it was an early model of the "Spike" - apparently intended to be used in an assassination attempt against Saddam Hussein or against the leader of the Hizbollah guerrillas in Lebanon, Sayed Hassan Nasrallah - that exploded prematurely and killed five Israeli soldiers in the early 1990s. At the time, Israel would only say that five of its men had died in an explosion during a weapons experiment in a

desert area. In southern Lebanon, the "Spike" was seen climbing over a mountain, flying round the side of a ravine, swooping into a "wadi" and then turning to head for the village of Toulin.

If it was considered a suitable means of attacking the Iraqi leadership five years ago - when it would presumably

have been handed over to American-backed Iraqi assassins - it would have to have been smuggled to Baghdad for use in the city.

Since this sounds more like the plot for a Hollywood film, it is more likely the weapon was intended for the Hizbollah leadership. Sayed Nasrallah's pre-decessor. Sayed Abbas Moursawi, was himself assursinated by an Israeli guided missile, fitted with a television camera, fired from a helicopter over southern Lebanon in February 1992, as he was returning to Beirut from the village

Jibchit, While Israel has been trying to introduce new technology into its war inside southern Lebanon, the Hizbollah themselves have clearly acquired a considerable quantity of extra

weapons in the past few weeks. In last week's mass attack on positions run by Israeli occupation troops, it now transpires, the Hizbollah fired 83 Saggar wire-guided anti-tank missiles at artillery batteries belonging to Israeli occupation forces.

They were also seen using recoilless rifles - small artillery pieces fired from trucks - and 49mm Russian anti-aircraft guns fired with flat trajectories at Israeli positions. Both these weapons are old - but ferocious enough when fired over open sights at fixed positions in the hills of southern Lebanon.

Far more disturbing for the Israelis is the growing suspicion that the Hizbollah have also acquired a new, longer-range version of the Katyusha rocket, with a range of up to 50 miles. In theory, this would put Haifa

in range of the guerrillas. In reality, a longer-range rocket is more likely to be used not against Haifa but against Israeli troops inside southern Lebanon - fired from Beirut or its suburbs. This would geographically extend any future guerrilla war in Lebanon to embrace up to half the country.

A five-power monitoring group continues to meet to hear complaints from Lebanese and Israelis about breaches of the 1996 ceasefire in southern Lebanon.

The committee is to hear at least 11 complaints from both sides when it meets again later this week. Israel is complaining Hizbollah are now using 122mm artillery against them. Hizbollah's capture of an Israeli position last week demonstrated yet again how poorly Israel is able to defend its occupation zone inside

A man celebrates the opening of the San Fermin bull-run fiesta in Pampiona amid a sea of Basque flags and scarves. Starting today, hundreds of people will run with six fighting bulls through the streets during the nine-day event

IN BRIEF

Diplomats try to restore calm with tour of Kosovo battlefields

DIPLOMATS FROM Britain, the United States, Russia. Poland and the European Union yesterday set out on a patrol into the Serbian province of Kosovo, visiting an area where more than 80 people died last March, and said their goal was to prevent a recurrence.

The observers went north to Mitrovica then headed west to the edge of the Drenica triangle, a hardcore ethnic Albanian stronghold surrounded by Serbian checkpoints.

The trip was largely symbolic, to initiate a more thorough system of international patrols sought by Kosovo's ethnic Albanian majority to monitor activities of Serbian security forces, and by Serbs to check on Albanian separatist guerrillas. Richard Miles, chief of mission at the US embassy in Belgrade, said the patrols were intended to help efforts to find a peaceful solution to the Kosovo crisis.

French vote on New Caledonia

LEGISLATORS MET yesterday in Versailles to give final ratification to an agreement that could lead to complete independence for the French territory of New Caledonia. Deputies and senators were expected to vote overwhelmingly in favour of the Noumea agreement, which provides for a 20-year transition to independence.

Tran-Siberian railway blockade

SIBERIAN COAL miners blocked the Trans-Siberian railway for a fourth day yesterday while other labour unions sought to have the blockade lifted to keep their own industries going. At least 29 freight trains with as much as 250 tons of cargo were halted yesterday, the Russian railway ministry said.

Death urged for cult member

JAPANESE PROSECUTORS yesterday asked for the death sentence for a member of the doomsday cult linked to the 1995 Tokyo subway gas attack. The sentence was demanded at the trial of Kazuaki Okazaki, 37, who is charged with the 1989 murders of lawyer Tsutsumi Sakamoto, his wife and one-year-old baby son.

It was the first death sentence sought for members of the Aum Shinrikyo (Supreme Truth) sect, whose leaders are also on trial for a sarin nerve gas attack on Tokyo subway trains in 1995 which killed 12 people and made thousands ill.

France acts to stop BSE

A NEW case of bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) or "mad cow disease" has been found in the Loire Valley region in central France and the animal was destroyed, the farming ministry said yesterday. It was the seventh case reported in France this year, and the 37th since 1990 Britain has been worst affected by BSE. The European Union imposed a beef export ban on Britain after the Government admitted in March 1996 a possible link between the disease and its fatal human equivalent, Creutzieldt-Jakob disease.

CHARLES MILLER Singer hits a fatal note

'Lobbying is about the governed seeking to have a say in decisions made by people they elect and whose salaries they pay'

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DRUNKEN REVELLERS fatally stabbed a man after he sang an off-key rendition of a popular love song, "Reniember Me", at a Manila pub. His rendition drew jeers from 10 men, who later attacked the singer with knives, bottles. wooden clubs and a gun. police said.

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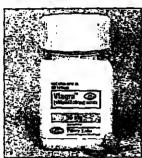
London and German bourse link

THE LONDON stock exchange looked on the brink of a surprise alliance with the German bourse yesterday, after market sources said the two rivals were planning a joint news conference for today.

Speculation of a tle-up hetween the two exchanges were fuelled by a mysterious announcement late yesterday by the German hourse that it would hold a press conference in London this morning. Deutsche Borse and the LSE.

declined to comment on the content of the announcement The two exchanges have been locked in a fierce battle to become Europe's financial centre after the launch of the

US insurers turn down Viagra



TWO BIG US health insurers said they were refusing to pay for Viagra, the anti-impotence drug developed by Pfizer, the pharmacenticals giant. Prudential Healthcare, a division of Prudential Insurance of the US, said there was too little clinical data to prove that the drug was totally safe for the elderly, often ill men whn

might use it. Humana Inc. a rival health insurer, was also reported to be refusing to pay for the drug.

Diageo takes US court action

DIAGEO, the spirits group formed from the merger of Guinness and Grand Metropolitan last year, has asked the US court in Santiago, Texas, to intervene in a dispute and issue an injunction against tequila producer Jose Cuervo. The tequila group wants to have the terms of its

distribution agreement changed following the £24hn merger. It is arguing that the deal constitutes a "change of control" and that it should have the right to renegotiate its supply and distribution contract with Diageo.

Diageo filed papers with the US court oo 2 July, asking for the existing agreement to be kept in place. Diageo said the group is "very confident" that it will succeed in its

The news came as Diageo unveiled a disappointing trading statement that featured higher-than-expected tax charges and continued impact on profits from currency

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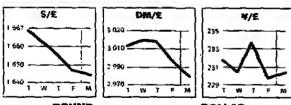
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Eastern chief mulls bid for Powergen station

JOHN DEVANEY, chairman of BY MICHAEL HARRISON the electricity supplier Eastern, is poised to quit and launch his own business as well. Taking tions being sold by PowerGen.

Mr Devaney had been expected to leave Eastern after the £4.45bn takeover of its parent, Energy Group, by the US

utility Texas Industries. But he is understood to be keen to find a niche that would allow him to stay in the electricity industry and run his

own bid for one of the power sta- over PowerGen power station would let him to do just that. Mr Devaney will decide in

the next week whether to enter the hidding. If the does, then Eric Anstee, Energy Group's finance director, is likely to partner him in the venture. The two men already have

several other joint business interests, including an engineer-

ing firm and a marine publisher. Mr Devaney joined Eastern in 1992 from Varity Corporation, while Mr Anstee arrived from Ernst & Young, where he was a partner, a year later.

PowerGen has offered to sell off 2,000 megawatts of generating capacity in return for permission to proceed with its £1.9bn hid for East Midlands Electricity: the station likely to be sold is Ferrybridge in Yorkshire, raising £400m to £500m.

However, industry observers believe PowerGen is almost certain to be told to sell off a lot more to increase competition in the generating market. The Government has made disposal of coal-fired power stations by the two price setters - PowerGen and National Power -

central to its energy policy. The regulator, Professor Stephen Littlechild, is consulting on how much should be disposed of amid indications that

he wants both generators to off load 6,000 to 8,000 megawatts. Eastern is now number five in the market, with 10 per cent, after buying 6,000 megawatts of capacity from National Power and PowerGen in 1996 - but it

would be barred from taking part in the latest auction. PowerGen has received ten expressions of interest. Other would be bidders are thought to include Mission Energy of the US, that took over the Nation-

al Grid's pumped storage stations; Centrica, the demerged trading arm of British Gas; Southern Electric, and Southern Company of Georgia, that owns SWEB and once consider-ed hidding for National Power.

If Devaney and Anstee leave it will be a clean sweep of Energy Group's top people. Derek Bonham, executive chairman, has already indicated he intends to leave, and may build his own mini conglomerate.

DTI to step in to save **BA** deal

BY MICHAEL HARRISON

THE GOVERNMENT is set to broker a deal to keep alive the British Airways alliance with American Airlines in the face of tough conditions due to be imposed on the deal tomorrow by Brussels.

The European Competition Commissioner, Karel Van Miert, is expected to insist that the two airlines forfeit at least 260 runway slots in London in return for approving the alliance, Mr Van Miert is also insistent that BA should not be able to trade the slots.

However, BA is now pinning its hopes on the Department of Trade and Industry amending the European Commission's terms. This might involve some changes in the number of slots to be surrendered and extensions to the time-scale over which they have to be given up.

The DTI has the regulatory responsibility for vetting the deal on this side of the At-lantic. The Office of Fair Trading initially recommended the deal be cleared provided BA and AA surrendered 168 slots. while the Commission initially ated 350 slots to be given i

BA sources indicated that if a smaller number of slots were to be sacrificed then it might be prepared to hand them back free rather than selling them to rivals.

Whitehall officials stressed that the Government was not seeking a confrontation with Brussels over the BA-AA tie up. But one said: "The Commissioner's announcement will leave a lot of loose ends to be tied up and the devil will be in the detail. The game will not be over at that point."

If the alliance fails to proceed then there will be no "open skies" agreement on transatlantic air services designed to increase the number of carriers and improve competition.

BA shares rose 19p to 689p as dealers bet that the alliance was at last on the point of being given the go-ahead. BA and AA first announced the link up two years ago. Even after Brussels has ruled they still need approval from the US Department of Transportation.

SIX European Union defence

ministers last night met to set

out a plan of action to help

Europe's defence industry re-

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UK, France, Germany, Italy.

Spain and Sweden - gathered

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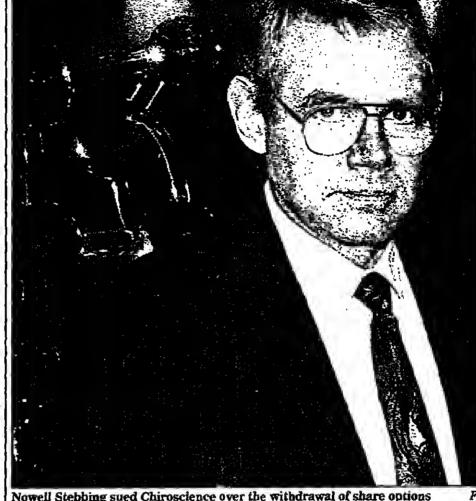
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Nowell Stebbing sued Chiroscience over the withdrawal of share options

Chiroscience to pay £3m to former chief

UK's leading biotechnology companies, vesterday agreed to pay £3.25m to Noweli Stebbing. its former chief executive, after a last-minute settlement ended a two-year long legal battle.

The two parties agreed the payment, which includes around £255,000 costs, just minutes before the case was due to be heard by a High Court judge. Chiroscience shares were marked down after the news of the settlement and closed the

day 6p lower at 265.5p. The company witl pay around £2m of the total through yesterday's placement of around 800,000 existing shares, part of its employee share own-

can take to assist the industry-

The Ministry of Defence said

the letter of intent identified of

potential obstacles to restruc-

turing in six key areas and

possible means of removing

them. Working groups will now

be established to carry the

work forward, and solutions to

the problems will be set out in

separate agreements.

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ership plan, with institutional investors. The effect of the payment on Chiroscience's accounts for the current financial year is set to be around £250,000, as the company has already made a £1m provision for the case in its lat-

CHIROSCIENCE, nne of the BY FRANCESCO GUERRERA

est results published in February. In February 1996. Dr Steb-

bing sued Chiroscience for damages, believed to be up to £9m. Over the withdrawal of a number of share options awarded to him before and after the company's flotation in February 1994. He claimed the company wrongfully removed part of the options issued before the listing when he became a noo-executive director in May 1995.

Dr Stehhing had already steppeddown from chief executive to deputy chairman in 1993 when he discovered he had stomach cancer. He decided to move to a non-executive position two years later and negotiated his new contract with the then chairman Henry Simon.

The company claimed that at the time of his appointment as an executive director. Dr Stebbing had agreed to forfeit

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around two-thirds of his options if he were to move to a non-executive positions.

Dr Stebbing left the company in August 1995 with a £101,000 compensation package. Later that year he exercised all of his remaining options, netting £6.2m. He was also suing the company for wrongful dismissal, but

John Padfield, Chiro-

science's chief executive, said:

"Although £3.25m is a significant

sum to go to one individual, it

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way and to move on.

it is understood that claim has now been dropped. Dr Stebbing appeared elated is now trading significantly when the settlement was announced in the High Court but

refused to comment outside the chamber in a later statement, he said; "It has been a very prolonged, expensive and stressful matter trying to obtain even a part of what Chiroscience took away from me."

will be a close call. The MPC has to date not been swayed by the difficulties now faced by Britain's manufacturing sector, choosing instead to focus on activity in the service sector Although there are now signs that growth in services is tailing off, many in the City believe that growth may not have slowed sufficiently to dissuade the MPC from raising rates again in an attempt to hring

Economists at Paribas cautioned: "If manufacturing were the Bank's focus we would not have had a hike last month either. We see one more hike in rates in the UK and we think it will come this week."

At ABN Amro, though, the mood was more optimistic. The hank said: "The additional weakness in manufacturing shown by these data will help

Data on economy points to close call on rates

MANUFACTURING output in By LEA PATERSON, the UK is continuing to fall, but the service sector is still enjoying healthy growth, according to new figures.

The reports are further evidence of a "two-speed" economy, and illustrate the dilemma facing the Bank of England's Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) when it begins its two-day in-

terest-rate meeting tomorrow.

According to official figures from the Office for National Statistics (ONS), manufacturing output fell by 0.4 per cent in May more than the market was expecting. The Confederation of Business Industry (CBI) quarterly survey of financial services, about the same as in May 1997. that business boomed in the second quarter of the year, although it also pointed to growing pessimism in the sector. Sales of new cars continued

to power on last month, suggesting that the consumer boom has not yet run out of steam. Sterling fell following the release of the weak manufacturing data, but firmed later in the day to close at DM2.9781, up almost half a plennig. The pound

below last week's DM3 level. Fears of an interest-rate rise later this week have subsided but not disappeared - following the release of a series of gloomy manufacturing surveys and signs of a slowdown in services.

City economists believe this week's interest-rate decision down UK inflation.

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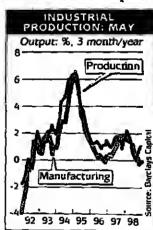
move is necessary this month." Last month concern about earnings growth belped convince the MPC to raise rates by 0.25 points to 7.5 per cent.

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The ONS figures showed that industrial production fell by 1.2 per cent month-on-month in May, three times the fall the market had expected. Year-onyear growth in industrial production was 0.8 per cent. whereas the level of manufacturing output - a subset of industrial production - in May was

ness in the second quarter of the year grew at its fastest rate since June last year, according to the CBT's quarterly survey of the sector. However. Britain's financial services industry is braced for a marked slowdown in the third quarter



of this year. Executives have lost confidence since March and believe interest-rate hikes will put an end to the boom.

Sudhir Junankar, associate director of economic analysis at the CBL said: "We are seeing definite expectations of a slowdown in business growth. There are signs of a slow-down in activity and certainly a failure of husiness confidence to rise."

A total of 169.789 new cars were registered in June - 12 per cent ahead of the month last year. Sales for the first half of the year were up by 8 per cent on 1997 at just over 1 million.

Imports accounted for twothirds of the new cars bought last month, and Ford was again the market leader with a 19.6 per cent share.

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AROUND THE WORLD'S MARKETS

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POOR manufacturing figures, supporting fears that economic growth is slowing, unsettled the market. With interest rate worries and the Asian crisis depressing sentiment, Footsie began by falling 57.3 points.

But prices recovered, helped by a firm New York opening, and the index ended with a 1.9-point gain to 5.990.3. Telecoms shares again led, with BT charging up 19.5p to 791p on suggestions that it may return £3bn to shareholders from the sale of its stake in MCI of the US. Derek Pain, page 19

NEW YORK

SHARES were mostly higher at midday, with a surging Internet sector leading the technology group to the biggest gains. The Dow was soon up 42 points to 9,068, while the technology-laden Nasdaq composite was up 13 at 1,907 near its closing record.

Ministers act on EU arms strategy

Of Internet stocks, Lycos snared 111/16 to 901/8 after announcing a two-for-one stock split. Netscape was the mostactive Nasdaq stock, climbing 2 to 431/1. Traders and analysts said the strong dollar and bond markets were boosting stocks.

● TOKYO

TOKYO STOCKS closed moderately lower on Monday as uncertainty over whether the government will introduce permanent income-tax cuts, widely seen as necessary to revive Japan's economy, sapped energy from the market.

The Nikkei 225 closed down 160.79 points, or 0.97 per cent, at 16,350.45, snapping an eight-session winning streak. Weekend comments by the Prime Minister, Ryutaro Hashimoto, that he had not pledged permanent tax cuts in a speech last week, also hit the yen, which fell in 140 yen to the dollar.

GERMANY

THE MARKET finished clear of earlier lows in a session marked by thin trade and little initiative... The blue-chip DAX index closed down 19.39 points at 5.942.06, having earlier fallen nearly 35 points. One trader said:

"There's no impulse. It's the summer and the mid-year point." Among the decliners, Hoechst AG fell DM1.55 to DM 94.70 after Baver's chicf executive, Manfred

Schneider, finally ended weeks of speculation that Bayer was olanning to announce a takeover of Hoechst on Friday.

■ * MEXICO

THE Mexican bourse posted narrow losses at the start on Monday on light profit-taking triggered by overnight weakness on Asian markets and an early dip on Wall Street, dealers said.

The IPC share index was down 19.54 points, or 0.44 per cent, at 4.464.21. Volume was very thin at 360,000 shares. Dealers said they would watch with interest the vote count after elections for three state governors on Sunday. But they said the polls would not affect the markets unless there were sharp disputes over the results.

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Doubt cast on Chancellor's figures

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PITH THE Government all in a tizzy bout its relationship with business hobyists, things are beginning to lok decidedly sticky for the Gov-

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rament on the economic front too. The row about how to treat the osts of the Working Families Tax tredit may be indicative of more eep rooted problems in policy. Oo ne level, this looks like a rather arone argument about which side of he balance sheet to account for the neasure. Certainly that is the maner in which the Government chose a reveal to the nation that the costs would be taken against tax rather tian added to spending - via an obsure and at the time unpublicised aswer to the Commons Treasury Slect Committee.

Whether the £5bn a year eventuacost of this policy is deducted from be tax take, or added to public spending in the round it makes no differerce. Either spending is higher by said anount, or the tax take is lower by it; whichever way, the budget deficit or sirplus remains the same.

However, there's plainly more to ithan this. The Government has just phlished new public spending totals which allow for a real rise of 2.75 per ent per annum for the next three pars. These figures are already



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higher than might be considered prudent, but it now transpires that they did not include the spending on the Working Families Tax credit. Instead the Government plans to count this amount against tax.

Government projections for the tax take were beginning to look more than a little suspect even before this little teaser came along, since they are based on the economy growing by 1.75 per cent this year; 2 per cent oext, and 2.25 per cent thereafter Mutuals need These are still achievable rates of growth, but they look a good deal less certain now than they did. Fortunately for the Government, the IT IS hard to see how the Natioo-WFTC effect has been built into

iections of a Budget surplus by the turn of the century begin to look a touch on the ambitious side.

In point of fact, the public finances in Britain are in much better shape than most of the rest of Europe, so it may not matter very much. However, the difference is that Continental Europe is still largely on the upside of the business cycle; in Britain we are now picking up speed down the other side.

If tax receipts fall a long way short of projections, then the publie finances areo't going to look so great after all. Trouble is that the Bank of England's Monetary Policy Committee, striving to meet Gordoo Brown's inflation target, is more or less obliged to ensure that it does. Let's get this in perspective. The situation is not yet dire. But things are not going as swimmingly as they were for the Chancellor.

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wide is ever going to put the lid Treasury projections of the total tax finally on attempts by the carpet-

take, but even so Government pro- baggers to have the society demutualise. Having failed to get their people elected to the board last year they are back again with a raft of motions, all of which invite directors to consider conversion in some shape or form. Presumably, they'll just keep on returning until they

> By all accounts, there's a fair chance of that happening this time round. With less than three weeks to go before the ballot closes, the votes are said to be running neck and neck with far more members having voted than at the comparable stage last year. Board members are still hoping their mutual supporters are a bit like Labour Party voters, in that they'll come all in a rush right at the end. But they canoot count on it. This column, among others, bas

long argued that Nationwide should remain a mutual, not only because it is important per se that diversity of corporate organisation and ownership is maintaining in the economy, hut also because without shareholders to service, mutually owned building societies provide an important competitive brake on cooverted societies and hanks. Without the Nationwide and the

GROWTH IN THE UK BUSINESS TELECOM MARKET

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dwindling band of other mutuals, ferring on the more contentious borrowing rates would almost cer- grounds that any conversion might

The problem is that though it might make financial sense for borrowers to remain mutual, the benefits for most savers, with relatively small amounts on deposit, tend to be much more marginal To some CONTROVERSY extent, this inbuilt bias towards conversion is countered in the legislation, which requires savers to vote by a 75 per cent majority to convert against only 50 per cent for borrowers. All the same, Brian Davis, chief executive of Nationwide, is going to find it difficult to resist trade bids for Nationwide should the vote go against him eveo by a simple majority.

Since there appears so little protection under the law, rightly in some respects, the Government may have to find alternative ways of stepping into the fray if it wants to preserve what's left of the mutual tradition.

Any hid from an existing mortgage provider could possibly be referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission on market share criteria. The Government might also give consideration to re-

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tainly be higher and saving rates damage the public interest by removing an important competitive force from the market.

More biotech

WHAT IS it about the biotechnology sector? Even when a business is well run, has got products on the market and has managed to avoid the shooting star trajectory that characterises much of the industry, it still seems incapable of avoiding some controversy.

Chiroscience does not have quite the same problems with disaffected former employees that British Biotech has. But the out of court settlement it reached yesterday with its one-time chief executive, Nowell Stebbing, is still a painful reminder that in the area of cootract law, it pays to tread carefully.

To recap briefly, Dr Stebbing joined the company in 1993 and helped steer it to flotation. Sbortly afterwards ill bealth forced him to step into a non-executive role and he subsequently left the company

COLT TELECOM

Share price, pence

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against the FT All-Share index

in August, 1995. Somewhere along the line, his contract was amended and Dr Stebbing lost two-thirds of his share options. He sued for breach of contract and wrongful removal of share options, claiming 19m m damages. The company settled yesterday for £3.25m, including

Dr Stebbing says that had the disputed share options not been removed, the company would have been £842,000 better off when he exercised them, not £3.25m down on the deal

The company says it has avoided the dilution that would have occurred had the options been exercised and, anyway, £2m of the cost has been met by placing shares held in an Employee Share Ownership Plan for the benefit, among others, of Dr Stebbing.

The more interesting question for shareholders is why the £9m claim was never mentioned in two annual reports and two capital raising exercises. Meanwhile Dr John Padfield, the oew chief exec, might take one of the firm's analgesics to dull the pain of having wasted shareholders' money, and reflect that, as biotech horrors go, it could have been a lot, lot worse.

IN BRIEF

RIC opens legal

THE ROYAL Automobile Club yeterday fired the first salvo in s legal battle against disident members who are oposed to the £450m sale of itsreakdown services dission to Cendant, the

a a High Court case theale, Robin Potts QC. acng for the club, said that assciate members are suscription to use the 11,47,00 serice and should not recive the £34,000 windfall seto be awarded to full

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ALTOM the Anglo-French cit electronics company floted in London and Paris las month, has woo a cotract from Railtrack to suply signalling and control egipment for the UK West Cost main line, worth

sigalling contract in Europe thidecade," a spokesman sal yesterday. It will allow trans to travel at up to 25cm an hour. Tarmac and Alcom have also jointly won a form contract to upgrade raway infrastructure arund Bristol.

RATRACK IS to sell 999yer leases oo five beveen £750m and £900m. Thy total 1.65 million scare feet and could fetch beveen £450 and £550 a scare foot, according to proerty consultants FPD

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By PETER THAL LARSEN

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THESE DAYS, there's never a dull moment in the telecoms sector

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news for both companies, it is of fairly limited significance. Nevertheless, Colt shares jumped 6 per cent to 2885p, while Racal shares put on 290 to close at 400p. The share price reaction

mirrors the City's response to other titbits of news from telecoms companies. Last week, shares in Vodafone and Orange, the mobile operators, rose sharply as they unveiled strong subscriber growth in the second quarter of the year, causing some analysts to predict that in just four years' time one in two people in the UK will own a mobile phone. At the moment, it's one in eight.

A oumber of bullish analysts think telecoms stocks shares have risen tenfold in the

News Analysis: Colt's network link-up with Racal was good for both groups' shares. But has the love affair with this sector gone too far?

Telecoms mania grips City

Advanced Data

have further to go. But some Yesterday Colt Telecom, the local access operator which is building fibre-optic networks in Lonbeginning to wonder whether don and other financial centres the City is being seduced by an overly rosy picture of the future. around Europe, announced a Although telecoms use - both deal giving the telecoms arm of fixed and mobile - will un-Racal, the electronics group, acdoubtedly grow rapidly in comcess to its network. Although the deal is good ing years, is it possible that every company will he a

Leiephony

Investors' love affair with lecoms stocks has been going on for about a year. During that period, the sector has outperformed the rest of the stock market by more than 50 per cent. Large companies such as British Telecom and Cable & Wireless have put in decent performances. Other winners have been mobile operators such as Orange, whose shares bave more than trebled in value, and Vodafone, which has more than doubled.

Corporate Voice

Services

By far the biggest success story, however, has been Colt. Floated at a share price of 275p late in 1996, the company's

following 18 mooths. So much more cautious observers are so that the company is oow valued at £3.5bn and is on the verge of securing a place in the FTSE 100 index of leading shares. Not bad for a company that made revenues of just

Enhanced Voice

£82m last year. The main driver of share prices has been increasingly bullish projections of demand. In fixed telecoms, investors have woken up to the huge increases in traffic that increased use of the Internet and other forms of data communication will bring. On the mobile side. analysts are ever more optimistic about bow quickly mobile phooes will catch on, and how much people will use them. The prospect of hids - helped by mega-deals such as World-Com's merger with MCI and

further. But the sceptics raise several questions. First, they point out that supply of telecoms capacity could keep pace with

AT&T's acquisition of TCI -

have lifted share prices even

or even outstrip demand, thereby driving down prices.

Robin Duke-Woolley, a senior consultant at telecoms specialists Schema, admits that demand will rise sharply. He predicts that the amount of Internet traffic generated in Europe will rise from 51 hillion minutes last year to almost 300 hillion minutes by the year 2003. Over the same period, demand for private data networks will grow from the equivalent of 5.8 million lines capable of transmitting 64 kilohytes of data per second to the equiva-

lent of 49 million lines. However, in many areas supply will keep pace - and may even outstrip - demand. Mr Duke-Woolley predicts that only companies that can keep their cost bases down while offering extra services will survive.

The cake will undoubtedly get larger and that means there will be some big winners. But there will be some big losers too." he says, adding that at the moment it is almost impossible

Total Business

The same argument applies to continental Europe. Since the beginning of the year, many telecoms stocks have risen as investors assumed that companies would make swift inroads into markets in continental Europe. So far, they have not been disappointed. Since January, new operators have snatched as much as 5 per cent of the market from former state monopolies such as France Telecom and Deutsche Telekom.

Ooce again, bowever, competition is fierce, with companies from the US, the UK, and the rest of Europe all scrabbling over new customers. Most have demanding targets. But sheer logic dictates that not all will succeed. And the risk is that intense price competitioo will undermine revenues for those companies who are successful

In mobile telephony, a similar optimism prevails. Orange, the aggressive group which is the UK's fourth-largest operator, predicts that mobile pene-

tration in the UK market will rise from 14 per cent last year to 50 per cent by the year 2004. Others are even more bullish. John Tysoe, a mobile phone specialist at SG Securities, the stockbroker, thinks that target could be reached by 2002.

That would mean, bowever that there will be 30 million mobile phone subscribers in the UK. Given that all the country's fixed telecom lines currently add up to 31 million, mobile phones will have to displace fixed ones to make those numbers add up. And that is only likely to happen if prices come down sharply.

Chris Godsmark, telecoms analyst at Heoderson Crosthwaite, reckons it's time mobile stocks took a breather. On current valuations, he calculates that the UK mobile phone sector - including Cellnet and One2One, which are part of British Telecom and Cable & Wireless respectively - is now worth £43bn. That's only a hit less than the whole of British Telecom.

"It may be time for the UK side of the mobile phone to take a reality check," he says.

Investor fears push SA rand to new lows

BY MARY BRAID in Johannesburg

SOUTH AFRICA'S beleaguered currency slumped to a oew low yesterday as investors reacted badly to the appointment of ANC heavyweight Tito Mboweni as the first black gov-

ernor of the Reserve Bank. The rand, which has fallen 30 per cent against the US dollar since May, plummeted to 6.72 rand to the dollar and 11 rand to the pound soon after the markets opened for the first time after the announcement that Mr Mboweni, the labour minister, is to succeed Dr Chris Stals when be retires as central

bank governor next year. Initial fears that the currency would hit 7 rand to the dollar did not materialise when it rallied later in the day as for-

eign sellers bought back in. It is thought the surprise announcement of Mr Mboweni's move to head the bank was made by President Nelson Mandela's government to end damaging speculation about Mr Stals's successor. With the rand

in free fall, the timing was risky. Critics suggested that the gains made by ending the speculation were wiped out by the choice of candidate. The bottom line, they said, is that an ambitious ANC politician with a leftwing reputation will soon be at the helm of the Reserve Bank.

James Cross, one of Mr Stals's deputies, would have been the financial establishment's choice. Although Mr Mboweni has an MA in development ecocomics after study at East Anglia University be has no direct banking experience. However, he has a year's apprenticeship under Mr Stals to come and says he is to study with London University economist Lawrence Harris.

But it is his politics which worry the sceptics. Financial experts insist that the hank's independence, though guaranteed in the constitution, will be in danger under Mr Mboweni. However, Thabo Mbeki, President Mandela's likely suc-

cessor, has said that a governmeet which compromised the bank's independence would be "shooting itself in the foot".

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Recession talk will stop the real thing

YOU EVEN hear it in the street. A comple of people passed our house at the weekend and I caught this snatch of their conversation: "... of course, when the recession comes, all these places ...

They were, I think chatting about the numerous estate agents' boards, but what struck me was not their view about the fragility of London house prices, but rather the use of the word "when". The idea that another recession is natural and inevitable has become deeply embedded in our national psyche.

It is not hard to see why: the long house price slump (much longer than the actual early 1990s recession), the daily tales of recession in East Asia and the string of newspaper stories about manufacturing gloom combine to remind us that bad times follow good.

In manufacturing there is indeed something of a mini-recession taking place. Yesterday's figures for May show manufacturing output flat year-on-year (but down on April) and industrial production up a fraction year-on-year (but down on April). Until these figures, you could just about believe that manufacturing had been recovering a bit since winter (see graph), but it is quite hard to believe that now. Unsurprisingly, business confidence is



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As long as people think a recession is coming, it won't come - or at least, it probably won't come

But the picture of gloom is not universal. Take two other items of news yesterday. Car registrations in June totalled 169,789, up 11.9 per cent on the previous year. According to the CBI, financial services activity grew in the second quarter at its fastest level for a year (though the outlook has deteriorated since then). Remember, too, that manufacturing is only about 20 per cent of GDP not much larger than financial and other husiness services. Unless something quite astonishing has happened, the secis an outside chance that the Bank

ond-quarter GDP figures ought to show some growth, prohably running at an annual rate of close to 2 per cent.

So it is perfectly possible to have a recession in manufacturing and not in the economy as a whole, just as it was possible to have a recession in housing and not in the rest of the economy.

Expect this paradox of the "nonrecession recession to continue. We will get confusing data because, during any period of slow growth and rapid structural change, some bits of the economy will be in clear decline. They have to decline to make room, so to speak, for the bits which are expanding. For the last six years we have had generally rapid growth, so even the laggard sectors of the economy were pulled up to some extent. Now, with slower growth, the laggards will slip back.

What should be done about this? The key thing is not to make matters worse by clumsy intervention. At a macro-economic level we have made matters worse by moving interest rates up too slowly. Now we have got them up to a level where they should be high enough to curb demand, but we are in danger of making the opposite mistake of pushing them higher still. There

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will push for one more rise in rates this week, but only an outside chance. My own view, for what it is worth, is that the next move in UK interest rates will be down, not up, though no one should expect that until November at the earliest.

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Meanwhile, our greatest protection against a general recession in the whole economy (as opposed to a partial recession in hits of it) is the fear of recession. It is precisely because people talk about the coming recession in the street that we do not need to have one.

So there is a second paradox: as long as people think a recession is individuals. Companies make

of England monetary committee coming, it won't come - or at least, it probably won't come. Why? Because fear of recession inhihits the overblown, bubble behaviour which has to be killed by recession. Most people talk of recession as though it is universally bad, and of course it is deeply unpleasant, damaging and disruptive. But its effects are not all bad; indeed in many ways recessions are a nec-

> It does not sound very scientific, but we all know that during periods of rapid growth all sorts of wasteful practices appear. Life is too easy; both for companies and for

essary evil.

money out of mediocre products and fail to pay attention to their costs. They borrow too much and are sloppy in their investment plans. Individuals also borrow too much and rely on windfalls to pay off debt. The wealth effect of rising asset prices enables both groups to live above their means.

Then comes the forest fire. Weaker companies are taken over, weaker managements pensioned off. Individuals who have bid up their incomes beyond the level their skills justify find themselves having to take a cut in income. Some people lose their johs.

Now the big question surely is this: can one gain the benefits of recession without actually having

It is impossible to give an un-equivocal "yes" to that, but there is "maybe". Look at the United States. Why has it been able to continue its expansion without much sign of a revival of inflation? Because intense competition, both internally and from abroad, helps to hold down prices. Because the economy is so large and so fluid, and because there are such strong cultural forces in favour of competition, the US can get very close to full capacity without generating a surge in

Here in the UK we don't have quite the same general level of competitive pressure, so more of the excess demand seeps though into higher prices. Nevertheless the UK economy is proving able to push much closer to its capacity limits now than it did in 1988 without generating excessive inflation.

Furthermore, the UK has one powerful advantage over the US: its awareness of the possibility of recession. Travel in the States and you see boom everywhere and no sense that it could ever end. That is dangerous. Here people are much more circumspect. We do not have the downward force on inflation exerted by US-style competition, but we do have a downward force exerted by our memory of the last recession. Provided we retain that caution, it becomes possible to enough evidence to muster a nudge the economy to the slowerthan-trend growth that is needed to hring inflationary pressures to an acceptable level.

So will there he a recession? Yes. of course eventually there will be a recession. But I think that is still a couple of years off, when the US and continental Europe turn down and East Asia remains flat. Meanwhile, expect much more talk of recession bere, but also expect the overall economic numbers to keep

BTP buys Italian firm for £100m

FOTP, THE Manchester-based BY CLIFFORD GERMAN fine chemical company, yesterday bought an Italian business in a further step towards transforming itself into an upmarket producer of specialist ingredients and intermediate products for the pharmaceuticals industry.

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BTP paid £75.9m in cash and £24.3m in BTP shares for Archimica, a privately-owned chemical company based outside Milan. The Italian vendors have agreed to retain the shares for at least 18 months. BTP also takes on a sum of debt worth £37.2m.

Archimica operates three companies producing chemials for use in the pharmaceuticals industry. Many of its products are at the start of their market lives, BTP said yesterday. Archimica has net assets of £63m and made profits of 5.7bn lire (£1.93m) on sales of £42m last year, during which it lost a major contract. With new contracts in place, it expects to grow sales by 50 per cent this year. BTP expects the acquisition to enhance earnings in the current year before allowing for goodwill.

BTP chief executive Steve Hannam said yesterday: "This equisition, which is in line



Hannam: BTP is now 'among world leaders'

with BTP's strategy, places us among the world leaders in fine chemicals and further defines BTP's future in highvalue life science molecules."

BTP has already made one major disposal this year, realising £88m through the sale of its adhesives and textile coatings division, and one major acquisition, buying French business Hexachimie in May for £53.5m in cash.

Group gearing has, however, risen from zero at year-end to 171 per cent of shareholders' funds, which makes a disposal to raise fresh cash desirable. Analysts welcomed the fact

that BTP confirmed vesterday that it had received unsolicited offers for its safety equipment division, which makes ladders. harnesses and belts, including some of the equipment used in building the Millennium Dome. "The division is less of a fit as we become increasingly focused," Mr Hannam said. The division is profitable, and a sale could raise up to £100m.

Last year BTR made profits of £53m on sales of £439m. Safety equipment accounted for 18 per cent of both operating profit and turnover. In the previous year the adhesive coatings division - now disposed of - accounted for 27 per cent of turnover and 11 per cent group profits.

The deteriorating position in Asia and the continued strength of sterling have created a difficult trading background, and the rescheduling of orders at BTP's US agro-chemicals business is expected to shift profits from the first to the second half of the year.

Despite this the shares gained 11p to 541p yesterday, and have more than doubled in



Matthew Clark wants to get away from cider's rural 'straw in the ears' image

Matthew Clark to close plant

MATTHEW CLARK, the Dry BY NIGEL COPE Blackthorn and Diamond White cider group, delivered more bad news for the beleaguered cider market yesterday when it announced plans to close its Taunton production facility at the end of the year with the loss

of more than 100 jobs.

The news accompanied a 25m fall in full-year profits to £35.8m and a dramatic cut in the dividend. The company blamed the performance on a flercely competitive cider market where volumes have fallen by 5 per cent over the year as cider struggles against increased competition from other long drinks like lager. Matthew Clark's brands under-per-

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formed the market and its volumes fell by 10 per cent However. Hugh Etheridge. Matthew Clark's finance director, vowed to win back cider drinkers with a combination of new products and an increase

in marketing spending. "We have to make cider more relevant and get away from the joke image." he said adding that the rural "straw-inthe ears" image of cider still persists. He said Matthew Clark would target the key 20-30 year age group, which has drifted away from cider, principally to heavily promoted lager brands.

invest more marketing support behind its key products. Blackthorn cider has been relaunched with a £5m advertising campaign, Diamond White has also been re-styled and backed by a £2m campaign. The board said its decision to close the Taunton plant, together

with its new facilities at Shepton Mallet, would cost £15m but yield annual savings of £3m. There will be an exceptional charge of £8m to cover the costs. While Matthew Clark admitted that its cider division had

under-performed, it said cider only accounted for 23 per cent of group profits. Its wholesaling

The company is planning to business increased profits from £7m to £8.4m and margins rose by nearly half a percentage point.

In the wine market, its Stowells of Chelsea "wine in a box" brand now has 58 per cent of the box market. Its volumes grew by 13 per cent in a market up 5 per cent.

While there have been rumours of takeover action it is understood that Matthew Clark has neither made nor received any approaches.

Matthew Clark shares which touched 801p in 1996, closed 4p higher at 184p. Group turnover fell from £570m to £553m. The dividend was cut from 24p per

Pace plea for aid in royalties row after £12m loss

BY CLIFFORD GERMAN

PACE MICRO technology, which this month starts making settop boxes for BSkyB's digital TV service, yesterday hlamed a 38 per cent drop in analogue receiver sales and £12.3m of exceptional charges for a £12.1m loss for the year to the end of May.

The exceptional items include a provision of £10m in the first half year for its legal dispute with three companies claiming royalties for the use of their technology, and a further £2.3m in the second half to cover restructuring and redundancy costs, including closing overseas operations.

The group has writteo to firms that supplied it with equipment, asking them to belp defend the legal action over royalties, the chief executive Malcolm Miller said yesterday. Excluding exceptional items

the group broke even in the first half, and made a £200,000 prof-It in the second, against £18.4m profit in the previous year Digital equipment sales rose

41 per cent but not enough to make up the drop indemand for analogue receivers. Total turnover fell 16 per cent to £184m, and sales to continental Europe fell 60 per cent to just over £20m, although Latin America sales more than doubled to £64m.

Pace is one of four companies contracted to make set-top boxes for BSkvB, and expects to supply several thousands as BSkyB starts marketing the service in earnest in the autumn - as well as producing decoders for the rival British Digital Broadcasting Service.

The chief executive played down recent rumours of possihle bids, saying there had been no formal approach and no current discussions.

The figures fell short of City forecasts. The dividend bas been slashed from 2.7p to 0.4p and the shares, that have ranged from 25p to 91p this year, fell

EMU and risk |Billiton top banks' list of concerns

OOR RISK management, the launch of European monetary union and the Year 2000 computer bug are three issues of greatest concern for banks and their regulators, a report finds.

The industry's new watch-dog and the Asian financial crisis also feature in "Banking banana skins", an annual survey by the Centre for the Study of Financial Information (CSFI) which identifies issues of concern to the banking sector. Top of the list is inadequate

control of risk. Many respondents believe that banks are failing to control risks, either intentionally, because they want to cut corners in an attempt to boost profitability, or unintentionally, because internal controis are not up to scratch. The survey found concern about a widespread ignorance of the dangers of complex financial instruments such as derivatives, as well as about the growth of

proprietary trading.
The impact of the Millennium Bug and EMU on the global financial system also feature on respondents' "worry lists".

Lord Tugendhai, the chairman of Abbey National, told the CSFI: "I am worried that mistakes in implementing the changes required for EMU and the Year 2000 could set off a chain reaction throughout the international financial system. I do not regard this as likely, but it cannot be assumed that all will go well."

Some in the industry were worried about the quality of bank management. One respondent, who asked not to be identified, said: "Me-tooism is still very much a feature of banking in most countries ... The quality of management at the likes of Deutsche Bank, Dresdner and the big French and Italian banks leaves a lot to

be desired." The new Financial Services Authority (FSA) was another source of worry. A UK bank chairman told the CSFI that he doubted the ability of the FSA. the Bank of England and the Treasury to work amicably and effectively together.

buys out coal stakes

THE South African mining group Billiton cheered investors yesterday by using part of its mounting cash pile to buy the remaining stakes it did not own in the world's largest thermal coal exporter, Ingwe Coal Corporation, writes Terry Macalister.

Billiton also bought outstanding shares in Ingwe's parent group, Trans-Natal Coal Corporation, as part of the £283m deal, which led to Billiton's shares being marked up

Investors have been neryous about how Billiton would use its £3bn cash mountain. This is not a silly deal and the market as a whole is pretty pleased with it," said analysts at Paribas Capital Markets.

Both Ingwe and Trans-Natal will become wholly owned subsidiaries of Billiton and no longer be listed on the Johannesburg Stock Exchange. Ingwe has II operations in South Africa and two in Australia. Its thermal coal is used as fuel for power

Tomkins to spend up to £750m on acquisitions

THE BUNS TO GUNS group Tomkins yesterday revealed they would be in sectors where it was already present.

Attempting to shrug off his company's image as an underperforming conglomerate. chairman Greg Hutchings said he was now focusing on three main areas.

The future of professional garden and leisure businesses. including the handgun manufacturer Smith & Wesson, remained "under review", but Tomkins would concentrate on construction, food, plus industrial and automotive parts.

Unveiling a 16 per cent in

BY TERRY MACALISTER

plans to spend up to £750m on crease in pre-tax profits to a oew acquisitions but insisted record £500.4m, Mr Hutchings said he was prepared to spend as much as last year's £741.2m on add-on buys.

"If we don't find acquisitions we'll do more share buy-backs. If we do some more add-ons, we won't do share buy-backs," said Mr Hutchings, who spent £88m on buy-backs last year.

But the purchase trail is the favoured one for the company. which produces everything from Hovis bread to windscreen wipers. Last year it bought five major businesses but it also sold 15 smaller ones. Mr Hutchings agreed the

recession was already engulfing the British manufacturing sector. But he said a downturn offered opportunities for Tomkins because it would reduce the price of assets it wanted to buy.

Tomkins was much less exposed than those in the engineering sector because of its food business, which would continue to perform strongly whatever the economic environment.

But the company's shares moved only 3p upwards to 345p as analysts cootinued to mark down the overall value of the company on the grounds of its diversified nature and its low

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Wary investors turned on by telecoms

TELECOMS provided the stock market buzz, helping Footsie to swing from a 57.3-point fall to a 1.9-point gain to 5,990.3 at the close.

The economic environment offers little incentive for investment action and there is a tendency for players to sit on the sidelines.

But throughout the session telecoms, mostly the second liners, were on another roll, and it was only when New York made a firm opening that the rest of the market joined the advance.

BT was the telecoms giant which led the way, surging 19.5p to 791p, a peak, on continuing talk of corporate action and suggestions that it intends to return £3bn to shareholders after it cashes in its stake in MCI, the US group where it was out bid

ScottishPower advanced 13p to 554p, rising on its telecoms rather than electricity operations. Panmure Gordon put out a buy signal with analyst, Philip Hollobone describing the generator's telecoms side as a "version of Energis, plus a lot more". He set a 650p target. National Grid floated a minority stake in Energis in December, the MARKET REPORT



shares have risen from 254p to I,122.5p.

The deal between Racal Electronics, planning to float its telecoms arm, and Colt Telecom helped the latest round of excitement, underlining the continuing consolidation in the industry.

Racal has signed an agreement with Colt which provides more connections in London. The shares jumped 29p to 400p, while Colt streogthened its claims for a Footsie place with a 160p gain to 2,885p.

General Cable, which has agreed a takeover by rival Telewest

Communications, jumped 16p to 281.5p, reflecting the strength of TC, up 13.5p to 178p. With changes likely on the TC share register following the bid for one of its major shareholders, there are suspicions there could be late developments in the takeover.

JWE Telecom jumped 57p to 244.5p and European Telecom improved 36.5p to 392.5p. ET's progress was achieved despite the sale of 1.4 million shares at 351p by chairman Warren Hardy. He still has 45.8 per cent. JWE arrived on the market two months ago - the shares have moved from 155p.

Cable & Wireless Communications was one to ease back, falling 2p to 621.5p. An investment dinner, hosted by Henderson Crosthwaite. took place at London's Savoy Hotel last night. CWC has paid £13m for 50.I per cent of Two-Way Television. Ladbroke, up 3.5p to 322.5p, remains a shareholder in the interactive TV

British Airways flew up 19p to 689p ahead of the EU decision on its alliance with American Airlines. Although the EU's terms may not be acceptable to BA, there is a feel-

SHARE SPOTLIGHT share price, pence BRITISH AIRWAYS

ing the deal should still go ahead. Shell hardened 3.5p to 429p on the rumoured garage link with Tex-aco. Glaxo Wellcome firmed 3p to 1.845p despite Merrill Lynch caution, and Asda edged up to 206.75p although CSFB suggested a sell

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Billiton, the South African mining group, maintained its recent rollercoaster display. leading the

hlue-chip leader board with a 9.5p modest gain extended the winning gain to 139p. Taking advantage of the weak SA rand, Billiton is buying the outstanding shares in two coal mines. The move had been expected with a slump in the price of thought still to have shares on its book.

Rexam, the packaging and paper group, rose 6.5p to 270.5p; a planned £250m share buyback outweighed a cautious trading statement. Some wonder whether the buyback reflects fear that a predator may strike. Rexam earlier seemed reluctant to return cash to shareholders.

Kenwood Appliances, the kitchen equipment group. was whisked 11p higher to 130p. Suspected bidder Pifco, perhaps significantly, gave ground.

Electrical group Beales Hunter gained 27p to 108.5p as Stadium captured 53.3 per cent acceptances.

The market spent most of the session weighed down by poor manufacturing figures, supporting fears of an economic slowdown, and sneaking suspicions that interest rates could again he lifted. Asia's woes were another factor. Footsie's

streak to four sessions; the mid cap index also rose for the fourth consecutive session. But the small cap was off, down 5.9 at 2,598.6.

Ascot, the industrial group, held coal. Dresdner Kleinwort Benson is at 298p with Albert E Sharp saying

Acorn fell 6p to 128.5p. The shares could be feeling the draught of a 14.31 per cent overhang. The computer group is reported to be meeting its financial advisers, including ABN Amro. to discuss the realisation of its shareholding in high flying Arm, a computer chip maker Acorn is worth £120m and its Arm stake around £150m. Psion, the high-flying handheld computer group, fell 61p to 624p as the Shell

pension fund trimmed its holding. Hillsdown, where Unigate was ready to bid 217p, firmed 5p to 173.5p. It plans a three-way demerger but there are worries about another strike. SkyePharma bounced 6.5p to 73p: it is making US presentations

SEAQ VOLUME: 688.3m SEAQ TRADES: 59,679

ahead of its ADR listing.

CLIVE BRADLY, a former director of Card Clear, the anti credit fraud group, wants to elear up the mystery of the sudden departure of two key executives and has. with other shareholders. called a special shareholders

meeting. Ben Raven, chief executive, and Oliver Cooke, finance director, quit last month. They were largely responsible for developing the company. Card Clear shares rose 3.5p to 64.5p; they have been as high as 87.5p. Mr Bradly says the departure of Messrs Raven and Cooke "devalued" the company.

WIGGINS, the property group, held at 15p ahead of its ADR listing which will be heralded by US investment presentations. The group is also on the expansion trail and is raising finance by issuing convertible unsecured loan stock. Jnst how big a war chest it intends

to create is not known.

Tomkins needs to spend some money

IT WAS 15 years ago yesterday that Greg Hutchings bought a load of 6p shares in an obscure buckle-maker with a market capitalisation of £7m. Since then the shares of that company, Tomkins, have outperformed the market and it has become a "buns to guns" giant worth over £4bn. But the Tomkins price over the last five years has trailed below the FT All Share index and the company has been trying to shake off an unfashionable "conglomerates" label.

Yesterday the share price rose only 3p to 345p despite pre-tax profits of £500.4m, up nearly 16 per cent. There was also a 15 per cent hike in the dividend to 13.170 delivered with a message that the business is "set to outperform again".

The problem for investors is that Tomkins is sitting on a massive cash pile. It spent £88m buying back 27 million ordinary shares last year and will seek permission for further buybacks in 1998 if it cannot find juicy yesterday as the market digested the Rexam gives kins' chairman, feels an economic downturn will be good news for his business because it will reduce the price of the assets it might want to huy. The company is willing to acquire as much as it did in 1997 hut wants synergy.

Last year the Hovis bread to Gates auto parts group spent £741m on five major add-on deals. But it also sold off 15 businesses and is anxious to shout about a new-found focus. The company is to concentrate on three main areas; construction components, food manufacturing plus industrial and automotive parts.

Mr Hutchings is keen to point out that Tomkins is more insulated than other engineers from a recession because of its thriving food business. The weakness in this argument is that if investors want defensive stocks they can go out and buy a pure food company.

Analysts helieve Tomkins will produce pre-tax profits of around £539m next time giving it a forward multiple of 14 times. That is low hut in line with the sector and reasonable, Hold.

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Trading record	1994	1998	1996	1997	1998
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Earnings per share (p)	15.6	17.9	18.9	21.5	24.5
Oividends per share (p)	7.4	8.7	9.9	11.5	132
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company's trading update

While Diageo said trading was in line with expectations and the integration of head offices and operations was running to schedule, there were some disappointments. One was a change to tax payments caused by US tax settlements that will affect cash flow by around £300m this year and next. Another was the continued exchange rate hit, which will dent profits by £55m in the six months to June and a further £65m in the year to June 1999.

But in spite of the dip in Diageo shares vesterday many commentators appear supportive. New disposal opportunities continue to appear and vesterday saw the for-sale sign hoisted over some of the Pillsbury second-tier brands including Underwood and Pet evaporated milk.

Analysts foresee a steady stream of other disposals including more of Pillsbury's lesser husinesses and underperforming spirits brands like Metaxa and some rum brands.

In drinks, Guinness continues to perform well with volumes up and a strong performance in North America But the Far East is clearly a problem. Markets in Indooesia

good value

IN PURELY practical terms, Rexam's decision to band back £250m to its shareholders is a halfway house. Although it represents a move away from the packaging and printing group's determination to seek out acquisitions, It stops short of loading the company up with vast amounts of deht.

As a signal of its love of shareholder value, however, Rexam's announcement could hardly be bettered. The company denies that it was pressured into the move, arguing that acquisition targets have simply become too expensive. But reports that financiers are putting together a £1.5bn break-up bid for the group no doubt helped to concentrate management's mind on reviving Rexam's flagging shares, which have halved against the market in the past two years.

Given that the cash distribution is worth 45p per ordinary Rexam share - £20m will go to preference shareholders - the market's reaction in pushing up the shares 6.5p to 270.5p yesterday looked rather mean.

IN BRIEF

Beales Hunter bid succeeds

STADIUM, which makes plastic mouldings and electronic assemblies, claimed acceptances from over 53 per cent of shareholders for its cash offer of 110p a share for Beales Hunter the industrial refrigeration group. The offer values Beales Hunter at

Interactive CWC

CABLE & WIRELESS Communications has announced the purchase of a £13m majority stake in an interactive TV company backed hy Ladbroke Group. The 50.1 per cent stake in Two Way TV will allow CWC to offer customers interactive games with the launch of its 200 channel digital television service.

Tool hire deal

HEWDEN-STUART has acquired the entire issued share capital of Salmon and Pocock, which trades as Handihire, for £963,000 cash. in the year to 30 September 1997 Salmon and Pocock bad adjusted net assets of £210.000. Hewden-Stuart said the tool hire husiness has branches in Plymouth. Paignton and Torquay.

Vimto move

JN NICHOLS (Vimto) said it is to spend £12.5m combining its Vimto soft drinks operations at a new site near Wigan. The move will lead to the closure of plants at Wythenshawe, Southampton and Haydock. The new site will consis of new production, warehousing and office facilities and is scheduled for completion in spring 1999.

Royal & Sun sale

ROYAL & SunAlliance has agreed to sell Professional Services, the property survey and valuation business of its estate agents Royal & SunAlliance Property Services, to Countrywide Surveyors, part of Hambro Countrywide, for £6m.

The business to be transferred has an annual turnover of £12m. Royal & Sun said 350 staff employed by Professional Services would transfer to

Mills leaves Action to be his own boss

DAVID MILLS has resigned as chief executive and director of Actioo Computer Supplies Holdings, just nine months after joining the catalogue components distributor from ICL. Mr Mills will trouser a sixmonth payoff worth about £115,000 for his troubles. He's leaving Action, based in Wembley, north London, to launch his own start up.

Action has appointed George Laplante as group managing director to plug the gap. Mr Laplante is already Action's development and IT director, and has previously acted as finance director. Day-to-day management will stay with Duncan Wilkes, Action's chief operating officer.

Henry Lewis, Action's chairman, said of Mr Mills's departure: "It's a question of square pegs in round holes. David's obviously got a taste of the entrepreneurial life, and good luck to him.'

WATCH OUT. here comes Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette. The Wall Street take on the other "hulge bracket" behemoths on equal terms. To that end, vesterday it announced a clutch of high-profile hires on the equity research side.

The DLJ recruits include Charles Donald and Matthew Weston from Deutsche Morgan Grenfell. to cover the European Transport sector, Ian Shackleton, formerly head of research at HSBC. to cover the European drinks market: and Sonia Falaschi, the well-known media analyst at UBS, to cover the same sector for DLJ.

The bank is also drafting in some of its existing troops from New York to London; John Hervey will head up global oils. Cary Wasden will cover global power, Jim Collins will do vehicle parts and Jennifer Moran will cover emerging markets strategy.

All of which will gladden the heart of Hector Sants, the former UBS bigwig, who is due to join DLJ

PEOPLE AND BUSINESS

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as its London bead of international equities in September, following a lengthy spot of gardening leave.

JONATHAN FRY. joint managing director of Premier Asset Management, the AIM-quoted fund manager based in Guildford, Surrey, has a investment hank has trumpeted its fishy tale to tell; his uncle Ed Fry has intentions to expand in Londoo and just sold his fish'n'chips shop to a chap called Mr Haddock.

Fry Senior has owned the chippy, called "Mr Fry", "for years", ac-cording to Fry Junior. The chippy, which I've a horrible feeling I patronised myself in the mid-1980s, is in Romsey, Hampshire, the picturesque market town and former home of Lord Mountbatten.

Young Mr Fry tells me that Ed Fry decided to sell up in order to spend more time at his home in Cricklade, Wiltshire.

Meanwhile Fry Junior's company Premier, grows anace. Launched in 1983, it now has 1,400 shareholders and around £300m io funds under management. Appropriately enough, considering the fishy theme, Premier bought its unit trust operation from Brewin Dolphin.

LORD HOLLICK, the Labour peer and boss of Express newspapers, has picked Graham Hill to be chief executive of the Money & Securities per cent.

Broking Division of United News & Media, Mr Hill has been chief executive of NOP, the market research division of United, for six years. He will be succeeded at NOP by Jim Rose, now chief executive of Blackwell's Information Services, a journals distributor based in Oxford.

Although United is thought of mainly as the owner of the Daily Express, its financial services arm made a £47m profit last year. Mr Hill has heen associated with the broking husinesses for a number of years. His new job will combine running the business information and hroking side of United.

Charles Gregson, executive director of United and chairman of the broking companies, said Mr Hill would be replacing Gerry Wilton, who is giving up his executive role after 26 years.

Mr Gregson said: "I have worked with Gerry for the last 16 years and seen at first hand the great cootrihution he has made to the development of the London businesses."

SPRING RAM, the building materials company, said yesterday that its finance director, Martin Towers, has resigned "in order to pursue his career development elsewhere".

Andrew Wilson, formerly finance director of Magnet, the kitchens retailer, will join the board as group finance director on 3 August.

UBS has bought a 29 per cent stake in the Basic Group, a sportswear manufacturer which makes the Kappa range of clothes, considered extremely fashionable with nightclubbers in the early 1980s, I am told.

The Swiss gnomes have invested 45 billion lire (£18m) in Basic, which plans to float on the Italian Stock Exchange within the next two years.

Other Basic shareholders include Marco Boglione, the chairman and chief executive officer of Basic with 34 per cent, and Alessandro Benetton of the Beoetton empire with 34

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Hakkinen finds the right formula

By Derick Allsop

THEY SAID he was dim, too full of himself, had no sense of humour and lacked the authority of a world champion. He may be only half-way to accomplishing that ultimate objective, hut already he has confounded his detractors on the

Mika Hakkinen has emerged from the whispers and sniggers to be acknowledged as a credible and increasingly respected Formula One title contender. Victory for the Finn in the British Grand Prix on Sunday would almost certainly eliminate from the contest one of his two rivals bis McLaren-Mercedes team mate. David Coulthard.

That would leave him with the small matter of contending with Ferrari's Michael Schumacher, but the eclipse of Coulthard - bright, personable, perfectly formed championship material - would represent perhaps a defining psychological landmark in Hakkinen's career.

He is conscious of his dour and clumsy public image, "When you see me answering questions I look serious because I am concentrating and thinking what I am saying, in a foreign language," he said. "In private life I am relaxed. That is different and I can be different."

He is aware, too, that many inside Formula One considered him too cocky by half during his early days at McLaren. A life-threatening accident at the end of the 1995 season gave him a new perspective on himself and the world he still belonged to.

"There is a danger of being bigheaded in my situation," he said. "You just have to listen to the people you work with and keep your feet on the ground very heavily.

At McLaren, Hakkinen has found comfort, advice and maturity, as well as Formula One's best car. It may surprise some to hear be has also discovered fertile ground for fun at a famousty orderly, impeccably turned out and husinesslike team.

Now, at the age of 29, Hakkinen is equipped to cope with the verbal and mental jousting that accompanies grand prix racing

In response to Eddie Irvine's pronouncement that McLaren have hlown their championship hopes and will be destroyed by his teammate. Schumacher, at Silverstone. Hakkinen permits a dismissive smile to ripple across his face.

funny," he said. "It makes him happy but he's fourth in the championship and should keep his mouth shut. You don't worry about words. They give you a good laugh, hut what people say can't burt you."

Then, with another mischievous grin, he added: "It worked on Damon [Hill] a couple of times."

Hakkinen and the McLaren camp are well prepared for any mind games Schumacher and his cohorts care to play and do not intend to be undermined the way Hill was in the 1994 and 1995 seasons.

"I have been around in racing for



SPANISH GP

many years and have a huge experience," Hakkinen said. "I don't think I will crack and I'll be surprised if Ferrari get the better of us. The pressure is always going to be there and Michael is like this. But when I am on the racetrack I reallogically or [else] all these games will affect me because that shows

a weakness."

mistakes."

Nerve and self-control will be crucial to Hakkinen's cause as be embarks on the second balf of the season, leading Schumacher by six points and Coulthard by 20. "On a racetrack you can lose your temper in certain situations, but it happens rarely to me. I try to stay calm. Racing is about controlling your emotions. If you get excited and negative you start making

For a man who won his first

race of last season, Hakkinen is remarkably at ease with the prospect of winning the championship.

"It's great to feel like this and be expecting it since I came into For-

"It has taken a long time and it does not feel strange. All the time I bave been racing I have been preparing for this, to be in a leading position. It is what I have been waiting for"

Lest anyone should suspect a hint of arrogance here, he emphasises he takes nothing for granted and expects nothing less than a fight to the finish on two fronts.

"It is down to three of us," he said, thereby discounting any possible challenge from Irvine. "It is going to be difficult. I just wish I had more points in the lead, but I can't expect

grand prix as recently as the final anything. I have to work for my tar- deserves the chance to stay in conget of the world championship and I'm going to work even harder.

"Of course David has still got a like this, but to be honest I have been he has to beat me first. He has had but I wish it would be that simple.

"I rate Michael and David the catch up. It's logical. same," be said, diplomatically. "I'm not fighting against my teammate in an aggressive way. I try to make him an ally, a friend, rather than a driver who is competing

with me. There is a lingering suspicion that McLaren favour Hakkinen for the driver's title and that Coulthard may eventually have to play a supporting role to ensure his teammate fends off the threat of Schumacher

"It's not necessary to make David do that," Hakkinen insisted. "He

tention. If he's saving my burn it's not

"If we get the McLaren working chance. He is a very quick driver, but to the maximum it will be enough, some bad luck, but will come back We had the early domination. but vou neople will

"All we can do is concentrate on our work that is the main thing. There's no point in worrying about what the others are doing.

"We are working to keep improving and I know we are going to get faster, but nothing is done in one night. You have to wait. At the moment we are leading and we bave been very strong in testing at Silverstone.

There are still many races to go and I am extremely confident my team and our partners will give their maximum.

AUSTRALIAN GP

10pt 1st Started from pole, led until lengthy pit As in Brazil, Hakkinen controlled race from the start. His only problem was the ocstop. McLaren team-mate Coulthard honoured pre-race agreement and let casional back marker. Hakkinen past to claim victory. BRAZILIAN GP

Started from pole and led from start to co to record his fourth win of the seafinish. Hakkinen hardly challenged throughout race.

ARGENTINIAN GP Started from second on the grid, but soon found himself behind Coulthard and Schumacher, However, he could not catch

the German in the latter stages of the race. SAN MARINO GP Did not finish Opt Forced to retire on the 17th lap because

of gear fallure when in second place be-

hind Coulthard.

FRENCH GP

10pc Hakkinen negotiated the streets of Mona-

son, despite making contact with one of the crash barriers. **CANADIAN GP**

Did not finish Struck by gearbox failure again. Despite starting on the front row, he could not even complete the first lap.

Pushed hard after poor start, but unable to close on Schumacher as Irvine played tail-gunner for his team-mate to ensure

Pioneers who cycled into Irish sporting legend

the invasion of the Tour de France this week, hut 42 years ago an Irishman faced the world's greatest race

Shay Elliott did not learn to ride a hike until he was 14. Eight years later he was lining up in Rheinis for his first Tour in a career that was littered with misfortune, the occasional double-cross, and rare high spots, notably three glorious days as leader of the 1963 Tour.

The Dubliner had the talent but not the luck, particularly on the big occasions. Knee trouble put him out of his first Tour as his team leader. Jacques Anquetil, went on to the second of five Tour successes.

Then Elliott was leading the Paris to Roubaix classic when his saddle broke as he entered the velodrome to finish: his front forks snapped in the Paris-Brussels classic when he was again alone in the lead.

He finished, dejected, on a bike borrowed from a curate. The jinx that had haunted his amateur career would not go away.

Elliott and his team-mate Jean Stablinski were among the leaders in the 1962 world road race championship, and when Stablinski attacked

to win the gold, Elliott held back. "I could not chase my friend," be said. finishing with a silver medal. Stablinski repaid the debt when, in the 1963 Tour, he and Elliott were again in a hreakaway.

THOUSANDS OF Irish are braced for Robin Nicholl recalls the local heroes who will be fondly remembered when the Tour de France starts in Dublin on Saturday

> one side of the course, and winked at Elliott, who was alone on the far side. That was the signal for the Duhliner to attack to win at Roubaix. It gave Elliott his greatest moment as he pulled on the yellow jersey but Stahlinski strained their

relationship two years later. Elliott was leading the Paris-Luxembourg on the final day when Stablinski, godfather to Elliott's son Pascal, upstaged him. The Frenchman worked with a hreakaway group to wipe out Elliott's lead, and won the race. The Irishman finished

In 1959 he nursed an ailing Brian Robinson for seven hours of a Tour stage, but they finished outside the time limit. The Yorkshireman was reinstated because of a now-defunct rule that anyone in the first 10 over-

all could not be eliminated. Not content with one Irishman. Anquetil's team also drafted in Ian Moore, but his 1961 Tour debut lasted only three days, and his professional career three years before he returned to live in England.

Ireland had to wait 20 more ni could not maintain his challenge. years for their next yellow jersey.

Stahlinski led their co-leaders to Then Sean Kelly shared the podium in 1983 with a haby-faced Stepben Roche. Kelly, proud in yel-

> colours of the "best young rider" on his first Tour. 'We used to talk of Kelly as you would speak of a legend." Roche recalled, never realising that they would stand together as winners. Kelly had one day as leader. Roche lost the white jersey to Laurent Fignon, who won the Tour at his first attempt. Roche still finished an im-

> pressive 13th. Four years on be wore the yellow rsey to the Champs Elysées finale, hut there was drama on the way. In his fight to stay within striking distance of the lead Roche pushed himself to the limit on the climb to La Plagne, and had to be revived

with oxygen at the finish line. He was never far from controversy that year. He won the Giro d'Italia after needing police protection from angry fans. He had, in their eyes, ruined the bopes of his Italian teammate Roberto Visentini, but the shrewd Irishman knew that Visenti-

So he attacked to take the

leader's pink jersey from Visentini, split his Carrera team's loyalties, and suffered the blows, insults, and threats of roadside spectators.

To crown a royal year, he won the world road race title at the Austrian town of Villach. Only the legendary Eddy Merckx had achieved the Tour the Giro, and a world championship in the same year. low, and Roche dressed in the Roche was on hallowed ground. It was a glorious era for Ireland. Sean Kelly had four years as the win-

ner of the Tour's green jersey for consistent placings. He also won five stages, the 1988 Vuelta a España, two world championship bronze medals. and a string of classics. Roche's career had traced that of Elliott as he took up an apprentice-

ship with a Parisian club, AC Boulogne-Billancourt, the accepted stepping stone to the professional Elliott made it by winning five am-

ateur classics in his year with ACBB. Roche's key to the paid ranks was victory in the amateur Paris to Roubaix, a race fought out on cobbled tracks. Kelly needed persuading, and

only when a persistent manager arrived on the doorstep of his father's farm did Kelly sign a contract.

Kelly thought himself too young at 19 to become a professional, "I signed just to stop all the nagging. he once said. That was 22 years after



Sean Kelly (left) won the Tour's green jersey four times while

Elliott was never to share those magic moments with Kelly and Roche. He died of gunshot wounds in 1971, a month short of his 37th

Martin Earley emerged during the Kelly-Roche era to ride eight Tours. He won a Tour stage at Pau where, six years earlier, Kelly had worn vellow.

Paul Kimmage ended his third Tour in 1989 with retirement but stayed long enough to celebrate Earley's win. Two years later Roche's younger brother. Laurence. completed his only Tour.

Kimmage made his mark later with a book exposing the seedy world of drug usage, and became a sports journalist. Laurence now works as a projects officer in manufacturing. Earley is a sports physiotherapist. Kelly is a marketing executive for a cycle components



Stephen Roche won the yellow jersey in 1987

firm, and Roche mixes his promotional work with commentating for

Five years have passed since they retired, but the influence of Kelly and Roche was sufficient to sway the Tour organisers into starting in

in cheering the Tour through Ireland, thousands will pay their homage to the pioneering Elliott, and the Tour will honour his memory with a flower laying ceremony at his grave on Sunday,

That day's racing will start in Dundrum, the hirthplace of Roche, and the third and final day in Ireland will take the Tour de France through Carrick-on-Suir, Kelly's home town, passing Sean Kelly Square on its way to

The Tour is coming home. Will it inspire a new Kelly or Roche?

Boardman's. recovery problem

BY ROBIN NICHOLL

a Ferrari one-two.

CHRIS BOARDMAN is doubtful about his Tour de France prospects after visiting a specialist yesterday, five days before the big race opens in Dublin, "I am pursuing bealth problems. There isn't a quick fix. It will take a few months," be said, but de-clined to disclose the specialist's findings. "I will go to the Tour, but I am not expecting a great deal."

Boardman has been concerned about a slump in his ability to recover: a crucial factor for most sportsmen. especially those about to tackle 3,850 kilometres, including climbs in the Pyrénées and the Alps.

Since his remarkable debut in 1994, when he won the opening time trial at a Tour record speed of 55.152kph to take the yellow jersey. the Tour has been his main objective,

and a bogey.

A year later he crashed out on the first day with a fractured ankle and wrist. He completed the 1996 Tour, and last year was back in the yellow jersey after winning the first-day time trial in Rouen. Then after 13 days be pulled out after trying to compete with two vertebrae displaced by a crash in mountain mist.

Boardman's hopes had been heightened by his time trial successes in pre-Tour build-up races, the Dauphine Libere stage race in France and the Tour of Catalonia, which he later quit. He was a non-starter for his final race, the Route du Sud, because of a gastric complaint_

Tennis: Sampras provides the continuity with fifth title as new era looms on the grass courts of Wimbledon

Novotna feasts after her years of famine

BY JOHN ROBERTS

LOOKING as elegant as her tennis. Jana Novotna affected an air of scepticism. "Every year since f first came to Wimbledon," she said. "I heard a rumour that on the final Sunday there was a dinner for the champions. f did not believe it. And now that I am actually here, I still

cannot believe it." Novotna had swallowed a fair amount of the evidence. On an occasion when even the most disciplined players renege on diets, the Savoy tempted the palate with Le Saumon d'Ecosse Fume, La Soufflé au Fromage, Les Noisettes d'Agneau a l'Estragon. Les Pommes Parisiennes, Le Rendez-vous de Legumes, La Tulipe aux Fruits d'Ete Sorbet au Champagne Rose.

While perhaps not worth a wait of 13 years, the food mot to mention the Chardonnay and the Chateau Roudier), and most especially the ambience gladdened Novotna's eye. I prepared a speech on the way here," she said, "but f have had a few glasses of wine and I cannot remember it," She remembered perfectly well, and served it without a

of the people who circulated the rumour about the dinner. He was in attendance as an honoured guest for the fifth time in six years, having taken out a lease on the Centre Court ("my practice court," as he

"As a kid when I saw [Bjorn] Borg's five it was a little overwhelming to think about it." he said. "I never thought that I would be in a position to tie it. When f was playing out there today I said to myself, Hey, you're doing OK."

Although many people were hoping that Goran Ivanisevic would win the men's title after losing in two finals, and that the 26-year-old Croat would be sitting on the top table on Sunday, breaking bread with Novotna, there is something reassuring about the reign of Sampras. Wimbledon has seen champions

TIM HENMAN has moved up to 13 in the world rankings - his highest position - after reaching the seml-finals at Wimbledon. Greg Rusedski has dropped one place, to six in the world, following his injury-affected first-round defeat. Sam Smith has jumped 36 places to 58 - the highest ranking for a British woman for six years after reaching the last 16.

of many varieties come and go and has been prepared to integrate change with tradition, on and off the courts. Fresh faces are not only welcome, they are essential, but the enduring presence of a Sampras or a Navratilova in their midst helps to preserve an important sense of con-

A year ago. a hrilliant 16-year-old. Champions' Dinner, and many more

Steffi Graf celebrated her seventh Wimhledon title, after which injuries threatened premature re-

It was good to see Graf return this year at 29, even though she lacked sufficient match fitness to do herself justice. In the circumstances, Natasha Zvereva took the opportunity to end a sequence of 17 defeats by the great German, winning their third round match.

Although Graf will endeavour to play again next year, it is possible that the 29-year-old Novotna's victory on Saturday against the 30-yearold Nathalie Tauziat, of France, will prove to be a last hurran for the older generation until the current crop of teenagers find themselves discussing how fast the years slip by

Novotna, who virtually beat herself when she met Graf in the 1993 final, gave Hingis more than a hint of her capabilities while losing to the Swiss prodigy after taking the opening set of last year's final. In the later tages of her triumph over the past fortnight. Novotna gave a grasscourt lesson to the 18-year-old Venus Williams, the older of the two impressive American sisters, and then put Hingis in her place in the semi-

All of the above took place while the "Voice of Wimbledon". Chris Gorringe, the All England Club's chief executive, was taking a few Martina Hingis, attended her first deep hreaths between broadcasting

feasts may lie ahead of her. In 1996, weather. Eddie Seaward, the head groundsman, ensured that the courts did not become a rain forest. and Alan Mills, the referee, shuffled the playing schedule with customary dexterity. In the unlikely event of a retractable roof on the Centre Court or Court No 1, Mills would have the tournament completed by Wednesday on the opening week.

A spectacular rainbow was one of the highlights of the middle Saturday. Although Tim Henman was unable to reach the end of it, his performance in becoming the first Briton for 25 years to reach the last four of the men's singles was a source of enormous encouragement. The 23-year-old from Oxford, in taking the first set of the tournament off Sampras, prepared the champion well for Sunday's five-set tussle with Ivanisevic.

Henman has taken home support to the heart of the men's championships for the past three years, and we have become accustomed to, though certainly not hlasé about, an elevation of the national profile. The shock came when our leading lady, Sam Smith, defeated a former champion, Conchita Martinez, and landed in the last 16. The stock of the 25-year-old from Essex did not exactly plunge when Tauziat went on to the final after defeating her for the loss of only four games

The notion that the tall, dark left-hander opposing Sampras in the final might have been Britain's Greg Rusedski was a non-starter, even though the fourth-seeded Rusedski did start the tournament after injuring his left ankle in a fall while competing at Queen's Club less than a fortnight earlier.

Unable to complete his first round match against the Australian Mark Draper, the 24-year-old Rusedski then found himself without a coach. Tony Pickard, from Nottingham, resigned, saying that Rusedski was no longer prepared to listen to him.

ft will be interesting to see who the man with the higgest serve and smile in the game turns to next. Rusedski, who plans to return to the courts at an ATP Tour event in Washington DC a week next Monday, faces the prospect of defending the ranking points he won as a finalist at last year's United States Open. It can be tough at the top.

Before leaving London to "chill courts of Los Angeles at the end of the month, Sampras was asked if he thought he could double his number of Wimbledon titles. "Til take them one at a time." he said. The diges-



Allsport tive system can only stand so much. Jana Novotna finally enjoys her moment of triumph after losing in two finals

Southern hemisphere tour: England coach can expect hot reception when he returns from break to face inquest

Battling Woodward will need to box clever

TONY DIPROSE

Rugby Correspondent

NO ONE can accuse Clive Woodward of failing to enter into the spirit of the in ment. Not content with watching a grass-green and generally anonymous England squad fight losing battles against southern hemisphere opposition of the very highest class. the national coach decided to liven up his summer tour by provoking a few private punch-ups of his own.

John Hart and the New Zealand hierarchy were first on the hit list. closely followed by Australia's senior referee. Twickenham's G and T hrigade, the South African Rugby Football Union, the management of one of Cape Town's many Holiday Inns and, if truth be told, more than () ie of Woodward's fellow tour ad-

Phew. It will be nothing short of miraculous if he has any strength left to face what is certain to be a fiery debriefing session at HQ. Woodward intends to spend the rest of this week at the football World Cup and there are many who believe he would do well to add the Tour de France, an Alpine hiking holiday and a six-month break at a Franciscan monastery to his holiday schedule. Anything but return to south west London and the wrath of the Rugby Football Union hierarchy.

English rugby has been contested more fiercely off the field than on it for the last three years, but not even the familiar grev-suited proagonists - Cliff Brittle, Fran Cotton, Sir John Hnll and their ilk - could have imagined the degree to which Woodward would up the ante during his five weeks down south.

If few of his predecessors would even have dreamed of telling the All Blacks where to get off in such forthright fashion, particularly after a record 60-point Test defeat, it is absolutely certain that none would have used their own plastic to underwrite a lock, stock and barrel

GRAHAM ROWNTREE

Strangely anonymous on the Lions tour time

central figure this round. Rowntree retrieved his reputation from the back

Jana Novotna and Pete Sampras at the Champions' Dinner on Sunday night

end of beyond with an authoritative contribution to England's front-row effort and a World Cup place is now his for the taking. Amazing what one lan Jones stamp can do for a career. THE WINNERS: THE PLAYERS WHO ROSE IN THE SOUTH BEN CLARKE



left Heathrow and he fought his corner with ur gency, passion and pride. If England even consider going into the World Cup without him, southern hemisphere eves will blink in disbelief.

Diprose looked

all washed up with nowhere to go. Then came Rotorua and a

personal display of such mind-boggling courage that the New Zealand Maoris were positively dripping respect come the final whistle. Who will say now that he doesn't have what it takes?

Brisbane.

can Dawson's ractical appreciation. Most observers will not bother: Dawson worried the All Blacks

Anton Oliver

barely felt the

boot at that

fateful scrum

in Dunedin, but

the Saracen gl-

ant is certainly

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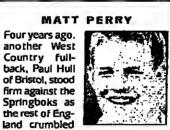
impact

with flashes of

DANNY GREWCOCK

individual brilliance, tackled beyond the limits of normal endurance and stood tall as a leader both on and off the paddock. A big advance from a big game player.

very special Indeed.



around him, only to be blown out by the selec tors with indecent haste. Perry will not suffer similarly. Great maturity plus a full range of skills make him

THE TOUR ORGANISER of the tour, Clarke and Dawson, ly." said the coach pointedly.

that would have persuaded Marco Polo to

much, whoever

you are. No-

one is rushing

to admit re-

sponsibility for

itinerary

surrender his passport, but 30-odd players will not rest until they find the gullty man. England should steer clear of Captain Oates Tours and use a respectable operator in the future.

were those about whom we already

knew more than enough; while the

Graham Rowntrees and Ben

Clarkes resurrected their Test ca-

can kick like a mule, his confidence levels must be positively suhterranean after Brisbane. In the centre, the oon-travelling fixtures are still in place: Will Greenwood on the inside and Jeremy Guscott, if he can be bothered, on the outside. The new boys were all given a run hut none

of them moved an inch Much has been written about the crass stupidity of inflicting so arduous a tour on so callow a party and every word of it rings true. Contracts may have been signed and television deals may now be deemed more sacrosanct than the four Gospels. hut on no account should England ever again contemplate such a programme. According to Woodward, they will not; at least, not while he is in the box seat. It is one private battle that he must not be allowed to lose

side flank. Fidler proved himself a

hetter footballer than Garath

Archer, if not a harder nut, while

Beim may just have what it takes

to solve England's chronic wing

problem. Matt Dawson also did

himself a power of good, both as a

scrum-half and a potential cap-

tain. Woodward will still be drawn

towards Lawrence Dallaglio's

proven leadership skills when Eng-

land's first team, as opposed to their

development side, return to the gal-

loos in the autumn, but Dawson's

performances have propelled the

absent Wasp clean out of whatever

comfort zone he has been inhahit-

ing since the middle of May. "By not

touring. Lawrence gave away the

No 6 shirt and the captaincy and it

just so happens that the two stars

were No 6 and captain respective-

distinctly Mother Hubbardisb in ap-

pearance, however. Josh Lewsey

does not yet possess the kicking

game to hold down the stand-off

berth and, while Jonny Wilkinson

The midfield cupboard remains

THE LOSERS: THE ONES LEFT DOWN AND OUT DOWN UNDER

TIM STIMPSON

ALEX KING

It is always depressing to watch a gifted individual consumed by selfdoubt and no guarantee the

results were grisly

African continent

Wasps standoff will ever bring his subtlety to bear on the Test stage. King's obvious lack of march fitness left him open to the ravages of New Zealand's Polynesian and Maori contingents and the

move to the plushest hotel on the

been bizarre in the extreme. Here

was the most bone-headed tour itin-

erary, the most ludicrously over-

experienced team and the most

English game, all thrown together

in the same pot. It is only a mild ex-

The last month and a bit have

STEVE RAVENSCROFT Strong and reliable in the club environfive ment. yards short of a gallop at the Ravenscroft

he had a good time.

staffed support squad, the least £10,000 or so lavished on Wood-

outspoken coach in the history of the in Cape Town - bought them little

aggeration to suggest that Richard mains intensely hostile to the gen-

Cockerill, Leicester's rent-an-inci- eral structure and modus operandi

dent hooker, emerged from the lour of the governing body, objects

blown Horan in Brisbane, not through any lack of application or technique but through a lack of genuine gas. It is difficult to imagine Greenwood. Guscott or Catt reaching for the sleeping tablets.

as a voice of common sense. At least

motely amused by the fact that the

£1.25m they splashed out on the trip

- the figure does not include the

ward's now notorious hotel upgrade

or nothing in the way of solace. Their

first full-lime salaried coach re-

Certainly, the RFU will not be re-

the wrong rea-Those sons. believe Stimpson has merely lost his bearings are un-

der flerce attack from those who insist he never had any to lose. Stimpson will need some enormous early-season performances at fullback for Leicester to reassert his cre-

strongly to the terms of the Mayfair

Agreement hammered out between

the union and its senior clubs and

stands unashamedly four-square

behind Cotton and his radical plans

for a root and branch overhaul of the

and Woodward's views are every bit

as legitimate as the next man's; after

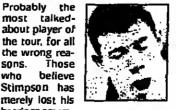
all, he has the job of planning next

year's World Cup campaign. But

while English rugby remains in so

volatile a state, he should tread

These are all matters of opinion



feeling the consequences. The five-week ban will not worry the lock - he probably needed a break - but the performances of Rob Fidler and Dave Sims Silly boy.

should be of the utmost concern. carefully, especially now that John ers who got themselves noticed Mitchell has proved himself so central to the national cause. While the

chief coach was lobbing verbal hand

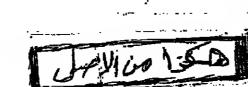
grenades from the rooftops, his as-

sistant was downstairs in the basereers, the young pretenders did litment with a whip in his hand and sweat on his hrow. Mitchell had a very, very good tour and if Woodward has any enemies at Twickenham, they will not have been slow to nobee the work behind the scenes put in by his right-hand man

Worryingly for England, the play-

tle more than pretend. There were honourable excep-

tions among the rookie regiment notably Phil Vickery, Pat Sanderson, Rob Fidler and Tom Beim. Vickery is now a cast-iron fixture at tighthead and Sanderson a handy hunk of super-fit cover for either Neil



red rose game.

'Social' drug users tarnish sport's image

RONNIE O'SULLIVAN yesterday escaped a ban for substance abuse at the Benson & Hedges Irish Masters last May.

The 22-year-old world No 3 feared he might be put out of the game for a period of time because he is already serving a two-year suspended sentence following an attack on a press officer at the 1996 World Championships.

But O'Sullivan, who attended yesterday's disciplinary committee meeting of the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association in Bristol, has been punished by being stripped of the Masters title and its accompanying prize of £61,000. That money is now due to the runner-up, Ken Doherty, who is now regarded as the official winner. For O'Sullivan, however, the decision will have come as a relief.

O'Sullivan, who was accompanied by his manager, Ian Doyle, and solicitor, Henri Brandman, issued a brief state- a medical condition. ment. "Ronnie accepts the decision of the enquiry," Brandman said. "He has apologised for the use of cannabis wluch was an isolated occurrence some five days before the tournament in question.

The committee accepted the submission made on Ronnie's hehalf that he didn't take the substance for the purpose of Lancashire, also tested pos-

Ronnie O'Sullivan's punishment for cannabis use reflects a problem for governing bodies. By Mike Rowbottom

This is not the first high-profile drug case within the world

of snooker. Ten years ago the former world champion Cliff Thorburn was fined £10,000 after testing positive for cocaine, and Thorburn's Canadian colleague Kirk

Stevans also fell foul of the authorities because of a cocaine Another Canadian, Bill Werheniuk, found his top class career was effectively brought to a close when the WPBSA put beta-hlockers on their banned list of substances. Werbeniuk

said he required the drug, which has the effect of stabilising the pulse, because he had O'Sullivan's case has been preceded by two similar inci-

dents in the last year within the sport. Yorkshireman Paul Hunter, the Welsh Open winner, was fined £4,550 and docked 1,140 rankings points after testing positive for cannahis at the 1997 Grand Prix event in Bournemouth. Steve Ormerod,

of enhancing his performance itive for cannabis at last years in the event." itive for cannabis at last years B&H Championships, incurring an £800 fine.

Although it was acknowledged that O'Sullivan's transsion was not intended to gain unfair advantage over his opponents, one of the factors which has clearly been of paramount importance to the committee is the image of the game. In a statement released after his positive test was confirmed, O'Sullivan described himself as "deeply ashamed". He went on to acknowledge his responsibility as a role model to youngsters and apologised to his fans, vowing to "make amends for his conduct hy offering his time to local schools and youth groups to press home the message that young-

sters should say "no" to drugs." The responsibilities referred to in O'Sullivan's apology were highlighted in a statement by the president of the International Olympic Committee, Juan-Antonio Samaranch, who declared that athletes should be an example for today's youth.

indicates that the youth of today are not entirely clear about which example they should be At the Winter Olympics in

to deal with "social" drug use

ternational Ski Federation. Fehruary, Canada's Ross Re-Cricket also experienced bigliato was stripped of his problems when Ed Giddins, of snowboarding gold medal after Sussex, tested positive for co-

of cannabis, only to have the debanned until April this year. cision reversed because of a dis-Football adopted a similar stance in the case of Roger crepancy between the IOC

rules and those of snowboard-Stanislaus, the Leyton Orient ing's guiding body, the Indefender who received a year's ban after taking cocaine. But a higher-profile cocaine user. Paul Merson, has maintained his career, and indeed recently played for England, after

undertaking a rehabilitation programme.

The National Rugby League in Australia have attempted to deal with widespread use of "social" drugs among its players by removing mandatory penalties for cannabis use. The onus is now on individual clubs to deal

Unsettled McRae is target of C new club

RUGBY LEAGUE

BY DAVE HADFIELD

SHAUN MCRAE is the man Gateshead want as coach if they are awarded a Super League franchise for next season. The North-east outpost is the front runner for a place in the competition in 1999 and St Helens' refusal to talk to McRae about a new contract until the end of this month has left him amenable to an approach.

McRae is coming to the end of his current three-year deal at Saints, who won the inaugural Super League championship and the Challenge Cup twice under him. However, his position has looked increasingly untenable with the departure of David Howes as chief executive and the arrival of Eric Hughes as football operations manager.

tigating an alleged altercation hetween Bradford's James Lowes and Leeds spectators after he was sent to the sin bin at Headingley on Friday night. Lowes and the Leeds stand-off, Tony Kemp, were both put out of the game for 10 minutes for fighting, but trouble flared again when the Bradford hooker er took his place on the bench just feet from home supporters.

Objects were thrown in his direction and a policeman was called on to intervene when Lowes seemed to respond. Some reports claim that Lowes had been spat at, but the player has not confirmed that.

Peter Rowe, a League spoken, said: "We have called for reports from both clubs to find out what happened and prevent anymore incidents of this type in the future."

Lowe's team-mate, Graeme Bradley, has gone into print as referring to Shaun Edwards, who recently left the Bulls to rejoin the London Broncos, as "a bad apple" in his column in the Bradford evening paper. Bradley says that team spirit has returned since Edwards' departure.

New Zealand are refusing to play the scheduled mid-week games against England and Wales on their short tour this November The Kiwis were due to play the extra matches in Gateshead and South Wales as well as the three Tests against Great Britain. But their coach, Frank Endacott, feels that after a long season and two Tests against Australia, "it would be too much to ask", said the League's chief executive...

Neil Tunnicliffe. England and Wales, already due to play each other later this month, are now likely to meet again in November to fill the gap in their calendar.

land's team to play Wales at Widnes. The Salford centre damaged a shoulder during the match against Warrington on Sunday.

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FCOM YES;



Ronnie O'Sullivan was relieved to escape without a ban after being found guilty of drug abuse

Carter extends Monty's misery

But the growing number of

BY ANDY FARRELL

FOR COLIN Montgomerie, It must have been "Oh, no, not feeling something far differ- not beaten over 72 holes." ent. "When I was on the huggy going back to the 18th, I just thought it was meant to be," he said. "After everything I had my ball on the 16th and holing

but based at his father's driving range at Handley Wood in Chesterfield, won the Murphy's Irish Open at Druids Glen at the first extra hole and extending Montgomerie's ever-worsening play-off record to one win in seven attempts.

The Scot, who had been trying to win the title for a third mood to comment. In a calmer

TODAY'S

NUMBER

The amount, in pounds.

won by Mhairi McKay for

finishing seventh in the US

Women's Open golf

championship at Blackwolf

Rich in Wisconsin.

The 23-year-old Scot, in

her rookie year on the US

Tour, had previously

pocketed just under

£0,000 this season.

28,500

dard Life Loch Lomond tournament this week. Monty would doubtless, in his inimitable style, say something along the lines of "As I have said before again." But David Carter was -too many times before-I was Often Montgomerie has done

well just to get into a play-off. and, apart from the satisfying time when he defeated Ernie been through, almost losing Els on the South African's home patch at Sun City, has often been that putt on the last to get into outdone by something spec-

MONTGOMERIE'S PLAY-OFF RECORD

1991 Volvo PGA Championship:

successive year, was in no Els went on to beat Loren Roberts

level with Steve Elkington, who tect and correct errors on his then holed a 25-footer at the first extra hole

Montgomerie produced the lowest score of the leading contenders, a three-under 68 to Carter's level par 71. He was five behind with eight to play but his inward half was characterised hy no dropped shots and just two hirdies at the two par-fives.

But in the play-off, the Scot hooked his drive into deep rough. This shot has crept into the play-off. I thought it was tacular from his opponent. Both his usually arrow-straight dri-Carter was right. The 26- at Riviera when Montgomerie when he has been without a

Lost to birdie by Seve Ballesteros at

1992 Volvo Masters: Lost to Sandy Lyle at first extra hole with a

1994 US Open: Lost 18-hole playoff by four strokes with a 78 as Emie On Sunday at Druids Glen.

were true of the 1995 US PGA ving during the last 10 months year-old, born in South Africa hirdled the last three holes to go coach. While it is one thing to de-

the second extra hole 1995 US PGA Championship: Losi to a birdie by Steve Elkington at first extra hole 1996 Million Dollar Challenge: Beat Ernie Els with a birdle at the

third extra hole 1998 Murphy's Irish Open: Con-ceded at the first extra hole to David Carter

own for the following day, it is another to prevent them occurring at all at the vital moment.

Montgomerie's recovery shot found the water and Carter was not required to putt. Moments earlier he had boled a terrific putt on the last green just to get in the play-off when he himself had visited the water.

Carter had been four ahead with six to play but suffered more than the odd agony on the emption for the Open Championship next week.

problems - with a mixture of determination to overcome his mistakes and good sense to take advantage of his good fortune - to his having gone through the experience of emergency hrain surgery last year? "When you almost die." he said, "to come out and play

lievable feeling."

At the 16th, Carter tried the aggressive ploy of taking a four-wood from a fairway hunker, but sliced his ball into the jungle. "I'd do the same again, it was just a bad swing," he said. The ball was finally found - by two young boys who I owe a lot to" - but the next shot was fraught with danger.

With nowhere nearby to take a penalty drop. Carter elected way to his maiden victory, and to play the ball where it was in one that brought a first prize of the knowledge that one back £159,991, four times his previous and it could have been buried highest cheque, and an ex- further in the undergrowth. "I couldn't watch," said Miguel Vidaor, the rules official witness-Is it too simple to attribute ing the incident. But Carter the way he faced up to his managed to get the ball to more forgiving rough and limited the damage to a hogey six.

At the end, he was immediately pounced on by a television interviewer, who was quick to reminder him of his near-death experience. "I might not have been here at all," Carter said. "I don't know what more I can say."

Whitaker dresses up for dressage test has already given the show

EQUESTRIANISM BY GENEVIEVE MURPHY

MICHAEL WHITAKER will be in a hurry to get from the Royal Show at Stoneleigh, where he rides Virtual Village Twostep today, in time for his first ever dressage test in the Horse and Hound Eventing Grand Prix at the Royal International Horse

Show at Hickstead. This incompleted tomorrow over a course of 26 fences in and around the international arena. Whitaker's chances of teaching the event riders a lesson (and claiming the £2,000 proceeds of a bet with Paul Schockemöhle,

who devised the contest) were diminished last Tuesday when Evert, his intended partner, went lame. He will now compete on Bruno Goyens' Cavalier, a horse he has ridden only twice. Richard Davison, the British Olympic dressage rider, will be lending clothes to Whitaker. He

jumping rider a couple of dressage lessons.

pete against the cream of the eventing world: Whitaker and William Funnell from Britain, Wout-Jan van der Schans, a former event ridec and Piet Raymakers from the Netherlands. plus this year's World Cup winner, Rodrigo Pessoa from Brazil.

surance Brokers' jackpot, which would go to Chris Bartle if he foljackpot by winning next month's British Jumping Derby.

Whitaker returns to more normal pursuits for the show

Scott Naylor is out of Eng-

SPORTING DIGEST

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INTERNATIONAL AMAYEUR ATHLETIC
FEDERATION PERMIT TRACK MEET
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Washington (US) 20 adosc, 2 5 wetes (Chile)
20 63, 3 G Nya (Hill 20 99, 6 E White (Eng)
21, 38 400m; 1 1 Thomas (Mai) 45 37sec,
2 T McIntosh (Bah) 46 85; 3 D Sac) (Aus)
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AUSTRIAM GRANO PRIX (Llox) Sunday's late results: Ment 100m; 1 1 Norden (US) 10 09-sc; 2 0 Ezerwa (Nigeru) 10 13, 3 0 Thompson (Bur) 10 19, 170m hardless 1 R forum (US) 13 17, 2 C Jackson (BB) 13 18, 3 A Garca (Cuba) 13 41, 200m; 1 B Surm (Cn) 20 42, 2 1 Garcia (Cuba) 13 41, 200m; 1 B Surm (Cn) 20 42, 2 1 Garcia (Cuba) 20,71; 3 C Da Sako (BI) 20 81, Shoot: 1 Goodina (US) 21,55m; 2 A Bagach (UV) 20 34 3 M Mahar (Fin) 20 29, 3,000m; steephechases: 1 P Sang (Kerwa) 8 min 16 89se; 2 E (Nactab) (Mor) 81 7 62; 3 P Dobbert (US) 8:19 53 (Moment: 100m hardless: 1 M Morrson (US) 12,65; 2 A Vaugnn (US) 12,77; 3 K Anderson (Cm) 12 89 - 400m hardless: 1 T Ferschub (UM) 53 67, 2 x Barrien (US) 53 70; 3 E Baldmalous (Rus) 54 76 Pode wmite: = 10 Barrons (CR) 4 10 Long (proup; 1 Vi Quan (Ch) (69) 1 — 2 D Burret (US) 6 37, 3 S Williams (US) 6 75 High (ump); 1 H Siorbeck (SA) 1 99m; = 2 K Bergunt (Swe), E Topshna (Fus); M Gollner (Aur) 1 88

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Arlanta 3 New York
Mets 2 / [1 minings]: Circinnati 6 St Louis 1.
Florida 2 Montreal 1: Philadelphia 4 Milvaulues 3; Chocop Cubs 7 Pinsburgh 6; Houston 5 Arlzona 2: San Diego 7 Colorado 2; San
Francisco 3 Los Angeles 0.
AMERICAN LEAGUE: Boston 15 Chicago
White 5ox 14; Toronto 2 Tompa Bay 1. Nen
York Yankees 1 Bultimore 0. Cleveland 12
Kansas Ciry 3; Municosia 5 Detroit 4; Oshland 5 Anahem 4; Texas 9 Seattle 5

BASKETBALL Kevin Cadle, the London Towers coach, has left the Budweiser League club after failing to agree terms for a new contract.

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WATERLOO HANDICAP (Blackpool) Second round: A Prescot; (Leigh) by K Bellig (Ellesmere) 21-11, M Hallam (Seele) by A Ripley (Kelphier) 21-3; J Hughes (Ellesmere) by B Ashley (Williaston) 21-14, S Rogers [Davyhulme] by J Bergin (Middleton) 21-18, E Sension (Middleton) by W Crampton (Middleton) 21-17, O Webster (Ellesmere) by D Sheeppard (Solihul) 21-18, B Poole (Swellow) by B Robinson (Buildleton) 21-12, J Lees (Watton-le-Dale) by B Cookson (Middleton) 21-19, G Holder (Solihul) by G Cookson (Middleton) 21-19, G Holder (Solihul) by G Cookson (Middleton) 21-19, G Holder (Solihul) by G Cookson (Middleton) 21-19, G C

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL WORLD CUP: See page 27

OTHER SPORTS EOUESTRIANTSM: Royal Internation Horse Show (Hickstead).

Sussex's floodii AXA League match against Glamorgan at Hove on 3 Sep-tember has been cancelled because of lack of sponsorship and will now be played on the afternoon of Sun-day, 30 August.

FOOTBALL

Marco Gabbiadini is one of four players to sign for Darlington, Gabbiadini (from York), Adam Reed (Blackburn), Gary Bennett (Scarborough) and Craig Liddle (Middlesbrough) have all signed two-year contracts.

MITERTOTO CUP Second round first leg. 195 Jarking (Fin) 0 Shanek Varodavi (Fus) 4: Boby Bruno (Ca Rep) 5 Espanyol (59) 3, Asademsk Boldskub (Den) 2 Vorsala Petrav (Ukr) 2, SV Salsburg (Aur) 3 St Gaffen (Swif) 1; havins Surj 3 National Bucharest (Rom) 1: Lommel (Fen) 0 Torpedo Kutansi (Geor) 1, Vorpedon Rous Sal (Nug) 2 Orebon Sevel D Sampodon (Ikr) 2 Runayeka Sobota (Slovak) 0, Samsunson (Juli) 1 Sundy (Den) 0. Determen (Hung) 0 Hradec Kralove (Ca Rep) 0, Alan Jurk) 1 Dark (Swif) 1, Determen (Sen) 2 Puch Chorzon (Pol) 1, Ozeta Ferkun (Souk) 10 Eakka Kalingrad (Rus) 1; Werder Bremen (Gen) 4 Inkaras Kaundys (Ukr) 1. Idaredona Shope (Mac) 1 Bassa (Fin 0, Iwenie Enschede (Patr) 5 COLF

GOLF LEADING MONEY WINNERS ON THE EU-NOPEAN TOUR IGB unless stated; 1 C Montgomein 5366, 677; 2 L Westwood 321 320 3 D Cyrter 163 860, 4 G Orr 143.096; 5 D Cyrte 135,675 WORLD RANGINGS (US unless stated); 1 T Westwing 1 Control 1 321 320 3 0 Currer 135,675

WORLD RANKOMGS (US unless stated): 1
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(Aus) 9 0.6 C Montgomere (68) 8.83.

GREATER HARTFORD OPEN (Connecticut) Leading final round scores (US unless stated): 266 O Browne 67 66 66 67:
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L Daves (GB) 68 75 78 74 O Pepper 71 71 78 75.

HOCKEY

MEN'S EUROPEAN CUP QUALIFYING TOURNAMENT (Dundon) Second Day: Scotland 4 Urraine 0, Sectentiand 2 Russia 2 RUGBY LEAGUE The Rugby Football League have landed an additional £1m from News Corporation as part of the new offer from Sky television.

Maurice Oldroyd, the suspended chief executive of the British Ama-teur Rugby League Association, has had his hearing on 12 disciplinary complaints postponed until next Wednesday because he is unwell. RUGBY UNION

Second Division Worcester are to sign Ben Harvey, the former England Stu-dents scrum-half from Richmond. David Rees, the England winger, has signed a three-year extension to his contract with Sale.

SAILING SOLING EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP (Stownla) After 4 races: 1 5 Pritught, V Ko-rothov and 5 Timcknov ([Mn | 17px; 2 M Ail E Heinonen and 5 Turminon (Fin) 31, GEL 18 A Beack-worth, B Parkin and R Sydentum 64 32 A Green, C Murray and J Turner 123

SPEEDWAY SUNDAY'S LATE RESULTS: Premie Leaguer Glasgow 56 Everer 34, Newcastl 47 Peterborough 42

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NAGOYA GRAND TOURNAMENT (Japan)
Second day of 15: Kaino (1-1) bt Asarowaka [1-1]: Mitolzam (1-1) bt Ayokutenho (0-2):
Notomu (2-0) bt Korkovana (0-2), Asarosho (2-0) bt Devasarashi [1-1]: kyokushwan (1-1) bt Notohamara [1-1]: Notohamara [1-1]: Notohamara [1-1]: Notohamara [1-1]: Notohamara [1-1]: Dt Barshasuga (0-2): Nevo (1-1) bt Ashquata (1-1); Asayoma (2-0) bt Wahamola (0-2); Elesonoumi (1-1) bt Hammoshma (0-2); Edizagma (2-0) bt Higgmourin (1-1); Gamya (1-1) bt Sobinovala (0-2). Delatina (0-3); Kalanda (1-1); Chyotako (2-0) bt Gopto (0-2). Mussyoma (1-1); Chyotako (2-0) bt Gopto (0-2). Mussyoma (1-1): IlLihamonam (1-1): (Masashman (2-0) bt Keckroanda (0-2): Eskarboki (1-1): Miskom (1-1); Vakanohama (2-0) bt Kotonishi (1-1); Vakanohama (2-0) bt Kotonishi (1-1).

TENNIS

Tim Henman's appearance in the Wimbledon semi-finals has earned him his highest world ATP ranking of 13. He has climbed five places while Greg Rusedski has dropped to six, after his withdrawal from Wimbledon with an ankie injury. six, after his withdrawal from Wimbledon with an ankie injury, wha four Rankenkôs 1 M Hings, (Swit) 5.865ps. 2 I Novotra (Cc Rep.) 4.507. 3 L Daverporr (US) 4.464. 4 A Sanchez Vicano 1991 3.264. 5 M Sette (US) 2.997 SMISS OPEN (Estasad) First romate F Manital (Spit bit A Portos (Spit 3-6 6-2. F Medigeni (Eri ta YKstehov (Rus) 59 3-4-6 6-3. F Corect (Spit bit A Benastegui (Spit 4-6-4. 5 Dosede) (Cc Rep) bit I Heuberger (Swit) 7-6-6-3. F Carect (Spit bit A Benastegui (Spit 6-6-4. 5 Dosede) (Cc Rep) bit I Carbonell (Spit 6-6-3. F Carect (Spit bit T Carbonell (Spit 6-6-3. F Carect (Spit 6-1)) (Spit 6-6-3. M Hoff (Bus) et a Vinopuerra (Swe) 6-1 6-1-6. R Fromberg (Aus) bit J Sanchez (Spit 6-1-6-2-M Safin (Rus) bit J Palmer (US) 6-3 7-5 RACING RESULTS

2.30: (5f 2yo selling stakes)
1. COSMO JACK....S Sanders 7-4 Fav
2. ApoBhair...J Reld 14-1
3. My Mother's Dream...J Stack 12-1
Also ran: 9-2 Lady Carbron (4th), 11-2
Myfan Ballerina, 13-2 Five Ways Fiyer
[5th), 14-1 Cosmic Altitude, 20-1 Jessanda (5th), 20-1 Tipuana, 50-1 Someweekend.

end. 174, nk, 174, sh-hd, 2, Winner bay gading by Bolla Core out of Foolish Law. urained by S. Meehan at Lambourn for Michael F. S. Perro, Tober E2.60, E1.20, E3.80, E2.40, DF: E16.40 CSF: E25.93, Tric: £92.80, No bid for the winner

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11 ran. 2. ½, 5, 8, 1½. [Winner boy roll by Darshoon out of Zalkako, trained by L Cumani at Newmarket for HH Aga Khan]
Tate: £2.00, £1.40, £8.60, £4.40, ØF: £139 10 CSF, £52.13, Trio, £354.60, £314.70 carried forward to Newmarket 3 35 today NR Silver Sun.

Factor's, 14-1 Periaco, 16-1 Chahra, 20-1 Dayrella. Nellie, North, 25-1 College Princess, Make Ready (6th), Nightingale Song, Verdant Express, 33-1 Fairy Dominong, So-1 Aragrove (5th), 19 rass. /-, 3, /-, /-, /-, (Winner chest-nut gelding by Elmanmul out of Kir's Double, trained by D Nicholis at Thirsk for John Gilbertson), Tokes E3,40; £1,50, £2,80, £7,10, £3,70, DF; £29,80, CSF £18,94, Ticast; £413,41, Tidor E513,40.

Jackpot: Not won, £16,123,77 carried forward to Newmarket roday.
Placepot: £8,881 40 Cuadopet: £202,40.
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Tricast: £419.41. Trio: £513.40.

MUSSELBURGH 2.15: 1. CARTMEL PARK (C Lowrher)
9-4. 2. Prince Consort 8-1, 3. Get Stick in 10-11 fox, 5 ran. Hd. 4. (1 Berry, Cockerham). Tote: E3.10; E1.10, E3.40. DF. E6.00 CSF: £17.03.
2.45: 1. WALITZ TIME (R Lappin) 50-1: 2. Doctor Bravious 9-1; 3. Seconds Away 100-30, 14 ran. 3-1 fox Fancy A Fortune. V., V. (1 Semple). Tote: £194.90: £43 30. £2, 70. £1.60. DF. £495. 70. CSF. £419.35. Tricast: £1.816. 13. Tric Not wen. 243 30. £2,70. £1,60. 0F; £495,70. CSF. £419,35. Tricast: £1,816,13. Tric: Not won. 3.15: 1. BEST OF ALL (C Lowther) 11-2; 2. Dalra 50-1: 3. Hobart Jenction 7-4 lav. 10 ran. 3. 3. IJ Berry. Cockerhami. Fore: £6,30: £2 10. £3,30. £1,70. DF; £69,30. CSF: £213,94. Tricast: £632,77.

Trio: £77 50. Ino: £77 50.
3.45: 1. SOUTHERN DOMINION (5 Mebster) 7-1; 2. Johanno 5-2 Jax, 3. Assocher Nigstmare 14-1; 4. Muskarrab 10-1. 18 ran. 1, nk. JMiss J Craze, York). Roce £8.50; £2.70, £1.10, £2.00, £3.60. OF: £12.80, CSF: £23.32, Tricast: £46.79, ther £43.40. NR: Wishbone Alley (7-11 withdrawn not under orders, Rule 4 applies to board prices only, deduction 10p in the pound.

4.15: 1. SRODESSA (A Cultiane) 6-4. 2. Latidan 9-1; 3. Breydon 14-1. 6 ran. 6-11 fav Good Hand (4th), 11-, sh-hd. (Mrs M Reveley, Saltburn). Tota: £3.20, £1.10, £5 20. OF: £13.30. CSF: £14 50 4.45: 1. HRLL FARM DANCER (Jona Wands) 11-2; 2. Sing And Dance 7-2; 3. Little Miss Rocker 33-1 S ran. 100-30 fav Eternity (4th), 3. 1% (W Brsbourne, Nesschife), Total E6 60; E2 80, E1.10, E3 30 DF E8.40 CSF E23 13. Insert C5.79 E3

Placepot: £87.30. Quadpot: £13.60.

Five show jumpers will com-

Added zest will be provided by the British Equestrian Inlows up his Badminton victory with a win tomorrow. Should a show jumper take the £5,000 first prize, he could claim the

jumping contests, which include the Samsing Nations Cup on Friday, when he will join forces with his brother, John. Geoff Billington and Di Lampard to form the Great Britain team.

Kafelnikov's loss of form carries over

TENNIS

YEVGENY KAFELNIKOV of Russia, the second seed, yesterday failed to clear the first hurdle at the Swiss Open in Gstaad, losing to the unheralded Brazilian, Fernando Meli-

bledon in the first round, the move from grass to clay failed to inspire Kafelnikov, as the 1996 French Open champion surreodered to the 50th ranked Meligeni, 6-3, 4-6, 6-4. The seventh seed. Alberto Berasategui of Spain, was also a first-round casualty, going

After stumbling out of Wim-

down, 6-4, 6-4, to his compatriot Francisco Clavet, who is enjoying a run of form, having reached the final 16 at Wim-Felix Mantilla of Spain began the defence of his title with a straightforward, 6-2, 6-2 win

over the French qualifier Thierry Guardiola First-round action continues today with the top seed and World No 2, Marcelo Rios of Chile, taking on the Swiss Davis Cup stalwart Marc Rosset. The semi-retired Boris Becker will be back on court against the Swiss wild card George Bastl, while the rising German talent Tommy Haas will face another

the Wimhledon junior title on

top-seeded Magnus Gustafsson of Sweden dismissed his fellow-countryman, Fredrik Johnsson, 6-3, 6-1, on the opening day of the Swedish Open

ATP tournament Gustafsson, chasing his fourth Swedish Open title, will play Markus Hipfl, a qualifier from Austria, in the second round. Hipfl beat Andreas Vin. ciguerra, a promising young ster from Sweden, who earlier this year advanced to the semifinal of the Australian Open junior tournament 6-2,

Gustafsson, who also won here in 1991, 1992 and 1996, became the top seed after the Czech Karol Kucera, 12th in the ATP ranking, withdrew last week with a sprained ankle. If the seasoned clay court player, now ranked 26th. wins again here he will he one up on his fellow Swedes Bjorn Borg and Mats Wilander, the only other players with three

titles. Ruxandra Dragomir of Ro-u. mania beat Kvetoslava Hrdlickova of the Czech Republic in two quick sets to advance to the second round of the Skoda Czech Open women's clay court tournament in Prague.

Hrdlickova took a 3-0 lead in the first set. But Dragomir won Swiss, Roger Federer, winner of five consecutive matches, eventually taking the set 6-4. The seventh-seeded Dragomir then Meanwhile in Bastad, the won the second set quickly 6-3.



Spirit Willing to conquer all

BY SUE MONTGOMERY

ONE OF the beauties of the racing year is its seasonal rhythm, a factor best appreciated by those who are fortunate enough to be able to do the rounds of the feature meetings in person rather than on a TV screen. This is a sport with animals at its heart and so, necessarily, its pulse beats in time with nature.

The calendar now says midsummer, which should mean easy tropical kit and steel bands for racegoers, horses with a deep, ultraviolet-induced glow to their coats, and man and beast alike finding relief in the dappled shade under the trees at the Newmarket July meeting. It should mean being able, on a walk down the open Heath away from the buzz of the grandstands, to absorb the sensory delights of the warmth of sun on the arms, the feel and balm of the centuries-old turf underfoot, and the fundamental drum of hoofbeats in the ears. The weather, however, may decree otherwise.

But rain or shine, today marks the start of the second half of the game. Yes, there is high-class competitive racing all week with many old favourites Spirit Willing, who re-oppose.

due to appear. But the focus oo the youngest generation of racehorses is heginning to sharpen; in July week the twoyear-olds begin to bloom.

Two years ago the Cherry Hinton Stakes - which had in the previous decade thrown up numerous fillies who subsequently proved top class (Harayir, Sayyedati, Diminuendo, Chimes Of Freedom, Forest Flower and Magic Of Life) was upgraded to become the first Group Two juvenile heat of the year and today's renewal has attracted a field of 10 young distaffers worthy of its status.

The one with the best public form is Pipalong, who beat all bar the flying Bint Allayl in the Queen Mary Stakes at Royal Ascot. This genuine, likable daughter of Pip's Pride, trained in Yorkshire by Tim Easterby, raced that day as if this afternoon's step up to six furlongs would suit her well and thoroughly deserves to win a decent contest

The form of Rose Of Mooncoin's debut win over today's course and distance on Derby evening has been franked by victories from her immediate victims Wannabe Grand and

Smart two-year-olds are something of a specialist subject. for the latter's trainer, David Loder, a fact which has not escaped Sheikh Mohammed. Loder will transfer from Newmarket to France next year to oversee the Sheikh's Godolphin babies and this afternoon also sends out unbeaten Blue Melody, a three-parts sister to lightning-fast Blue Duster, for his future full-time employer. Today, however, the honours

can go to his Uncle Edmund and Spirit Willing (3.05). The sturdy little bay, a Fairy King halfsister to the Oaks winner Unite, recorded an excellent time figure when she absolutely sluiced eway from ber rivals on ber much-improved second appearance. Her rider, Kieren Fallon, will, in view of the fact that today is his only appearance at the July meeting, be anxious to make hay whether the sun is out or not.

The afternoon's other juvenile race is the seven-furlong maiden often used as a stepping stone to greater things, as when Alhaarth and Mark Of Esteem fought out the finish three years ago, and it should take a smart newcomer to cope with



Germano has a fine chance in today's Princess of Wales's Stakes at Newmarket

The Silver Hawk colt, representing the Mohammed/Dettori/Gosden "old firm", went down by inches in a similar event 10 days ago, slaying on well after the winner, Tayil, grabbed first run, and should be able to atone.

There is a Derby winner in the closely-matched field for the Princess of Wales's Stakes; Single Empire won the Italian version last year before suffering an injury in the real thing at Epsom. Central Park's fine third in the Eclipse Stakes showed that Rome form should the experienced Mencer (2.05). not always be under-rated but a quick-fire double.

Single Empire's Group One penalty may prove too great a hurden. The lightly raced, unbeaten three-year-old Eaton Square, with a King George entry, is an interesting runner hut preference is for Germano (3.40), who can earn compensation for his narrow Hard-

wicke Stakes defeat. Last year's winner, Ben Gunn, is sure to run his race again in the H & K Commissions Handicap but further down the handicap Loval Toast (2.35), unlucky at Beverley last time, can give Frankie Dettori

NEWMARKET 2.05: MENEER, who has

shown well above average ability on his two starts so far, is taken to make experience count in an interesting opener. The newcomer Waterfront might prove to be the chief stumbling block

2.35: STAR TALENT, wbo again had little luck in running when a creditable 31/2 lengths fourth to La Modiste in a big field at Doncaster last time, should give a good account. Ben Gunn looks the principal

TV TIPS

HYPERION'S

3.05: PIPALONG, two lengths second to Bint Allayl in the Queen Mary Stakes over 5f at Royal Ascot, shapes as if 6f will suit her well.

3.35: SABADULLA, runner up in the Bessborough Handicap at Royal Ascot, can successfully step up in class. Germano looks the chief threat.

Fallon fails in appeal to Irish

KIEREN FALLON was yesterday ruled out of the last two days of the July meeting after he failed to overturn a three-day ban. The appeals and referrals committee of the Irish Turf Club rejected his attempt to lift the suspension imposed for careless riding on Irish Derby day at the Curragh.

RICHARD EDMONDSON Nap: Magic Rainbow (Newmarket 4.10) **NB: Dlamond White** (Newmarket 4.45)

Henry Cecil's stable-jockey will miss several fancied rides, notably Bold Fact in the July Cup. He will return to action on Saturday but will then be out for another two days due to a whip ban he picked up at Haydock on Friday. By the time he returns, Fallon will have served a total of 13 days' suspension from four different bans this year.

■ The apprentice Eddie Lai suffered shoulder and face injuries in a horrific fall at Musselburgh yesterday. Lai, 25, was fired to the ground when Lady Rachel clipped the heels of a runner in front. He was kicked by the trailing Sing And Dance as he lay on the ground. Yesterday's results, page 22

NEWMARKET HYPERION

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GOING: Good to Firm. STALLS: Stands side. DRAW ADVANTAGE: None.

Right-hand course with 1m 1m straight.

Course is SW of town on A1304. Bus link from Cambridge and Newmarket stations. ADMISSION: Club 220 (half-price 18-25-year-olds): Grandstand & Peddock £11 (half-price 16-25-year-olds): Grandstand & Peddock £11 (half-price 16-25-year-olds): Grandstand & Peddock £11 (half-price 16-25-year-olds): CAR PARIX: Members £1; rest free.

ELEADING TRAINERS: H Cecil 25-58 (231%), L Cumant 19-116 (16-4%), J Goaden 28-122 (14-8%), J Dundop 17-117 (14-5%), H Hannon 16-179 (83%), O Loder 10-67 (14-9%), ELEADING JOCKEYS: Pat Eddory 40-185 (21-6%), L Dettori 36-190 (20%), K Falton 19-80 (23-8%), R Hills: 19-118 (161-9%), J Reld 12-101 (11-9%),

FAVOURITES: 167-522 (35.6%). BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Zizi (visored, 4.10); Fillulah (4.45).

	2.0	5 STRUTT & PARKER MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £7,000 added 2YO 7f Penalty Value £5,299	C4	
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FORM GUIDE ... Date: February tool, 120,000-guines Codecus Generous colt, the first tool of a week! Fronch tricd winner Gold Lodge first tool of a tricit winner from the tamby of Gird Of Gold. Mode 20,000 guinese as a tool for the first of t

Glint Of Gold, Made 20,000 guinees as a feel Learned Friend: College Chapel colt from a good éanily, 14-1, third in the bunched fin-ish won by Opticus in a meisten [8], good) here 11 days ago, Bound to Improve Meneer; Säver Hawk colt out of a tarity useful 2 yo witner. 5-4 when short-head sec-ond to Tayl in a 71 malden here ten days ago, finding his stude late on Moutabloties: Late-April loat, \$50,000-guines Alzeo colt. Darn tri22 witner who has at-ready produced several winners, including useful 731 and 1112 scorer hain Mulbean Nimelia; February 4 tool, 70,000-guines Kingmentoo colt, the first fool of a French 95/ winner who is a helf-elster to trion 1,000 Guiness winner Enscorse Tewway: February 12 colt by Shirley Heights. First tool of a well-related French listed 1112/14/enrer trn2f winner Toto Caelo: Merch 21 con by Mitolo, hell-brother to severel winners out of a useful 2yo

onit March 7 coll by Turtle Island. Made 1r38,000 guiness as a yearing and dam watermont: March 7 cut by Turtle Island. Made 1/38,000 guiness as a yearing and dam (a 2yo 5) witner) has stready produced several witners.

VERDICT: Given the imponderables of which of these newcomers (several of whom look interesting enough on paper) are fit and ready to do themselves justica, the value could be with LEARNED FRIEND. Richard Harmon's two-year-cide usually improve a good deal for their debuts and this one showed plantly of ability on his. Menser is clearly a rival to take senously.

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Majica, Swift, 25-1 Chaesic Fund, Mount Holly, Northern Blessing Golf Glory, 40-1 Green Power 1997: Ben Gunn 5 8 13 R Cochrone 14-1 (P Weisryn) chawn (11) 20 ran

Hugwrity: Back to he best of two years ago with his win in a stability-run handicap (im. good) at Yarmouth last week, with Safey Ans 21/L lengths back in third Northern Bleasing: Looked a good prospect in two runs last term, winning a madern and fifth of the hast back to the fact that the promate, fifth of the hest time. Ben Gumn Won this in 1997 in excelent form this term, winning at Newmarket and Salisbury. Likes to make a late challenge, so may well be capable of better yet.

Wild Sky: 7th better off with Ben Gunn (who has improved again since) for the 1/L length
he was besten when cunner-up over this trip at Newmarket last time.

Bir Billifica: Won a claimer at Salicitury (tm. good to firm) but disapported (notwistanding modest draw) when tavourite again in a Yarmouth claimer eight days later Ster Telenit: Comes from behind, and has been badly out of luck ariempting to do so several times this season. Would go close it everything went his way this time Burjoura Ritvieric Fourth in this event last year after some below-form efforts, and has smiler condensate this time. Researchably handlapped. Safety Ana: Placed on three of his four starts this term, tevourite when third of 9 to Hug-

wity at Yarmouth last time. Some improvement needed Juxilicial Supremacy: Has mostly run with credit this term, but over 1m21 not 1m. Green Power: Has body lost his way, and left James Fonshave's after his reappear-

ance:
Allieuws: Inconsistent last year when trained by Reg Akehurst. Has had excuses the season, but may find this mile a bit sharp.
Hewer Golf Glory: Falling in the weights without running as if he can capitalise, though soft ground is a possible excuse recently His second place was in a claimer.
Huntswood: His found it hard going in handicaps, closest to a win when second at Chepstow in June. This is his first run at this and first for some time on fast ground.
Have the Helder Trainer's higher timer his light Greeton. Will be a what his sens up from 2 hero. Chapter III all 1 Trained lest year by John Gooden. Will be authed by seep up from 71 here, and is beginning to look well handicapped, but 1996 form is not strong enough Honest Bordener. Has had only four races Looked very promising as 2yz, but sit a maiden after a maiden after an and 5-hunner handicap this term. This trip may be too short laditure: Sit a maiden after 12 starts. Frished strongly when placed in two 1th handicaps this term. Another who comes less on the scene, and one to consider. Loyal Totast: Plenty of promise before wirning by a reck over 1m25 on handicap debut at Goodwood. Hampered next time. Orop back to 1m as an inferesting move Classic Fland: Has done nearly all his racing over longer trips (as long as 1m61 lest year). and lifth of 13 over 1m here lasest start did not suggest this was his optimum. Bowelling Claims on second of 21 to La Modese at Doncaster (m. good) last time Swifts: Sixth in this event, 12 months ago, and best effort last firm was also over this course and distance, Inconsistent at other courses this season.

VERDICT: A wide-open handicap, with a possible complicating factor in that a good pade is not 100% guaranteed despite a field of 20. This would play against the significant number of interesting numers that like to come late, including Ben Gunn. Star Tal-ent and lindburn, it is worth taking the chance that the lightly-raced NORTHERN BLESSING will begin to realise the potential she showed in 1997.

3.05 CHARLES HEIDSIECK CHAMPAGNE CHERRY C4

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1	22	AUNT FLO (10) (Stamford Bridge Permershall M Bel 89 .	Pic Eddery 5 16
2	600	BLACK ROCKET (20) (Hornard Al-Mutawa) h Mahris 89 .	R Cochrane 4 8
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7		PEPALCING (20) (T H Barriett) T Ensterby 69	L Chemock 10 11
8	1	ROSE OF MOONCOON (\$1) (CD) (P Curringham) J Banks 69	W. Rimmer 8 10
ā	31	SPIFET WILLING (17) (D) (E J Loder) D Loder 8 9	. K Fallon 3 1
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= 10 ascurre = BETTING: 5-2 Pipelong, 4-1 Spirž Willing, 5-1 Base Melody, Pescara, 10-1 Hesty Words, Ka5desa, 12-1 Watersibe Grand, 14-1 others 1967, Asturah 2 8 9 L Detjori 9-2 (Seeed bin Surgari drawn IG) 12 ran

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Aunt Flor Second over this trip in a conditions stakes at Newbury and a fisted race at Newmarkst, in the laster beside 1/4 length by Warnabe Grand who got first in Black Robust South of 20 in a Newbury maden. Below that form since, showing early speed when 18th of 17 in the Queen Mary at Royal Ascot lest time. Blue Molody: Daylur clase releann to Zesten and Blue Duster Eventually won costly in an 8-uniter maden at Lacester 5t, good to firm), beating Morrary Music. 1/2 length Heatty Worder 89 Polish Patrot. Combrishly best Lady George by 17/4 length in a 30-runter maden at Sandown, coming through in good style effer a slow start. Kalldess: By Nurreyet, setter to barly useful. 1997 2/90 Social Charter Webb 9-4 when neck second of 10 to Demails in a valuable maden 6f, good to firm) at Cheetar Research: Common Grounds helf-sizet to a settle winner from a classy family. Won a five-runner minor event at Masons-Leffitle last time by five lengths to the same filty in the Outen Many. The move up to 6t will sur he very well. Rose Of Moonoolis: Brief Truce half-sizer to two 2/9 sprint winners. 30-1 from 20-1 when winning at madein at Newmarkst, holding on by 1/4 length from Warnabe Crand Sport Willing: Faby King half-sizer to Units. 5-4 on when close that behind Rose Of Moonoon here. Very easy winner of a 6f novice event at Assot two weeks later. Warnabe Grand: Checked in his num when just between 1/2 fower Of Moonoon She had the better run however when asking 6f lated case by 7/4 length from Aunt Flo

VEROICT: Spirit Willing will have won a lot of friends after her 7-length demolition of nine opponents at Ascot, but she taces a doughty real here in PIPALDNG to whom the stap up to six furtong is just what the doctor ordered. Blue Melody, Hasty Words and Pescara at warrant rispect.

3.35 PRINCESS OF WALES'S STAKES (Group 2) C4 (CLASS A) £55,000 1m 4f Penalty Value £31,400

BETTING: 8-4 Germano, 5-2 Sabadilla, 1-2 Eston aquare, 7-1 Garutia, 8-1 Fruits Of Lova, 11-1 Multicoloured, 14-1 Single Empire 1997 Starticu 4-9-7 L Detton 11-4 (J Gostjen) drawn (7) 7 ran

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Single Empire: Last year's Derby training (mail, firm) winner, nured when tailed off in the Epsom Derby 13 days later. First nun arics, so stiff task.

Garudat: Headstrong in 1987, and held up out the back this term when putting up asnes of smart erbors, winning lieded race at Nempton and second over 1m27 in Group 3
events at Sandown. Decent fifth in tably in a slowly-run Group 1 over 1m41 last time.
Germanic Begi Garuda in Gordon Richards at Sandown, but below form behind him in another Group 3 there next time. Good second to Posicionas at 1m41 at Royal Ascot
Multicoloured: Well fouried over the past couple of seasons but has not yet fulfilled his
promise, that to Tamura in a 1m41 fisted race her idensi star?
Salnadiffat: Has progressed extremely well in 1m41 rendicaps, touched off all Epsom
(good to firm) before going down to Greek Palace (clear of the rest) at Royal Ascot
Eaton Square: Nursyon coll but of sister to Dancing Brave. 33-1 winner of a 1m militier at Newbury and followed up by 3% lengths from useful Deep Dive in a 1m21 nounce
stakes at Goodwood Shapea as it should stay that, and very profitsing
Fruits Of Love: Frectured pelvs lest season. Edgy and hampered on one by at 1m41
VERDUCT: SABADILLA and Eaton Square bothnave great potential, and Sabadillats.

VERDICT: SABADILLA and Eaton Square both ave great potential, and Sabadillats handicap form gives him a good chance here despite the step up in class. Germano is the pick of the remainder, all of whom have alreadyrun in pattern company.

4.10 LINCOLN MILD CIGARS RATED HANDICAP (CLASS B)

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ī	81030-	CHIPS (202) (D) (Mrs Ame Coughlan) D Elsworth 97,
2	634-53	TITAMIC (24) (Shelith Michartemed) J Gostlen 8 6
3	3216-0	ZELANDA (45) (D) (BF) (Shelis) Moremmed) J Gosden 96 L Dettori
4		POOL MUSIC (24) (Mrs Caroline Parlier) R Harmon 95 R Hughes 5
5	-527 UO	HELL MAGIC (18) (D) (Michael Jackson Bloodstock Ltd) D Elsworth 95 K Fallon 10
Б	42:20	MESHAH (USA) (21) [Herritan Al Makhoum) B Hanbury 82
7		GUPSY MOTH (11) (C) (Mrs k. J. Cranglet B Meehan 92
В	50120	TANGO (28) (D) (Noodes Racing) R Harmon 8 13
9		CLEF OF SILVER (335) (D) (Silver Clef Racing Venture) W Jarvis 8 12 III Fills 8
10		MAGIC RAINBOW (24) (D) (P T Ferwick) M Bell 89 R Million (S) 7
π	1.56	SECOND WIND [13) (David J Simpson) P Cole B 7
ĸ		PETARGA (S2) MA'S R W Gore-Andrews) J Toller 8 7
13		2721 (28) (Nigel Shekts) K Burke 87
μ		TATTINGER (43) (D) (Mrs E Fenshave) J Fanshave 8 7 T Sprake 11
r	£000%	JULIES JEWEL [19] (D) (Mrs. Luie R Lamming) M Chapman 6 7 L. Newton 8

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Chips: Fasty useful as 2yo, winning twice early on and again in a German listed race in August. Retained for 25:000 guineas at the sales last month. 50ff task on rotum Tarnic: Useful but inconsister as 2yo, best effort when about 2% lengths thad in the Group 2 Flying Chibters Sales at Domositer (5) good to firm). Should stay at Zelanda: Won 6f maden (good to firm) in good style and satis of 8 in the Lowther at both last August. Well-bearen tayourse on good to soft in rated stakes on return Pool Music; Also useful last term, numing in four group races. Bit below best behind impressive Eastein Purple at Haydock on return, very much so on soft next time this Magict in good form in Mag, winning a 135-675 handcap at Lingfield 6f, good to firm. Saddle elipped next time before well beaten in the Wolongham at Poyal Ascot Masbath Progressive both who caught the eye (traveling smoothly before no extra) when right of 37 in 1m handcap at Royal Ascot. First run over as short as 8f. Glosy Moth. Won 8-numer handcap at Newmarket (5f, good) lists time by 2% lengths from Brinistone. Up 8th for that Her only two nars over 6t were both early as a 2yo Targot. Won 17-numer maxien at Pointefract (6f, good to firm) in May 4 langths. Ran well near time but no impact off the mark in a Salesbury handcap on latest term, but won a 7-numer nursery at Carterick (6f, good) final start. Something to prove the progress guite as much as seemed 6/ety lest term, but won a 7-numer nursery at Carterick (6f, good) final start. Something to prove Megic Rainthow: Won 12-2500 handcap at Newmarket (6f, firm) in May, lacking clear tren hoking on by by 1/ength. Now 8th ingere Unsured by soft ground last time Second Windt Won Newmarket insides in his return (m) and creditable fifth of 8 at 71 next time. Handcap debut the Second Windt Won Newmarket insides in his return, firm) and creditable fifth of 8 at 71 next time. Handcap debut Petragot Won Room handen last year 12-1, thind of 13 to Double Brandy in a handcap at Newbury 46f, good to firm) on

VEROICT: A number of these would go dose if recapturing their two-year-old form, notably. Zelanda, Milabah will surely pick up a good brize it some stage, but if may prove best to stick with proven ability over this trip and the one who fits the bill is MAGIC RAMHBOW. Michael Bells ont is happed like a sprinter to follow when picking up his big price here two starts ago and did not act on the soft ground at Yark.

1.45 EQUITY FINANCIAL COLLECTIONS RATED HANDICAF (CLASS B) £12,500 3YO filles 7f Penalty Value £7,632	
1-4005 ANOTHER FANTASY (32) (Mrs P & Mr P Jubert) R Harmon 9 0	
01-440 PRESTRIGOG (17) (D) (Eine Racing Cub) P Cole 8 12	
- 00451 DIAMOND WHITE (11) (CD) (Peter P Scott) O Bravery 8 8	
10 RISING OF THE MOON (364) (Mass L Regis) E Duniop 8 1 T Speake 8	
50-642 FILFILAH (11) (Hamden Al Maktoum) P Wahryn 80	1
12-43 BEHOLD (10) (Cheveley Park Stud) J Fanshews 8 0Mentin Dwyer 4	
310-4 UP AT THE TOP (32) (Mrs E Poberts) B Hills 8 0	1
0-2604 POLY BLUE (26) (Short & Roll Conveniors Ltd) Miss G Kelleway 8 0	
600m- GOLDEN FORTUNE (280) (D) (Lucayan Stud) D Loder 8 0	

Minimum: Bis. Weights: Belhold 7st 13tb. Up At The Top 7st 10tb, Poly Blue 7st 8lb, Golden Fortune 7st 6lb. BETTINIC: 4-) Golden Fortune, 5-) Behold, 6-1 Diamond White, Filliah, Up At The Top, 9-1 An-other Recises, Plestiniog, Poly Blue, 12-1 Rusing Of The Moorn 1997: Noisette 3 8 7 L, Dettori 5-1 (J Gooden) drawn (O) 11 run FORM GUIDE

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Another Fantesy: Beaten about 10 lengths (5 behind the second) when 7th of 16 at 100-1 in the 1000 Guineas here in May, No form to match that, over longer trips since Flestiniog: Farty useful as 2yo Usually makes the running, but only once (fourth of 6 in a Goodwood lated rate second start) to any effect from three runs this season Diamond White: Very much in the rectioning on her 5-length with from Filliah in a seven-runner handscap at Folkestone (good to firm), despite a 9th rise in the weights 163 between 185 mg of 17 he Moone, sustified truncition in a meliden and novoe stables in the spring as a 2yo, 11th of 12 in the Cherry Hinton 81 this imeeting and not seen but since Filliahir. In transe in two 71 handscape, now 10th better of for 5 lengths with Demond White at Folkestone. First-time visor suggests connections weren't that satisfied Behold. Ben rivice in the summer at two years. Disappointed over 61 on reappearance but was third of 9 to Sweet Plas in the handscap here (off 1th lower) next time Up At The Topic Landed the odds in a Folkestone match lest September but fran poorly next irran. Fourth of 7 in classified stables on return and ras sometimg to prive Poly Blues in decent form but has had eone still make in handscape and is 60 out of the weights here. the weights here. Bib but of the hendiep proper but won her last two starts (by "h length,

and a length) as a 2yo and looks the sort to improve again this term.

VERDICT: With quite a lew its and buss with these filles, the bost option is DIAMONO
WHITE who won in such good style lest time. Fittillah is weighted to give her a run for her improve, but the application of a visor rather donts the confidence in hex.

5.15 NGK SPARK PLUGS SOHAM HANDICAP (CLASS D) 28,000 added 5f Penalty Value £6,420

Red, 10-1 others 1997. Gone Savege 9 to 0 R Coctyane 10-1 (W Musson) chawn (17) 18 ran

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1997. Gone Savege 9 to 0 if R Cochrane 10-1 (W Musson) drawn (17) is ran FO RM GUIOE

Tablete: In Irrame in two classified stakes and a conditions stakes last three starts, nunning well, beaten length by Literary Society at Yermouth last time. Canovias Heart: has never won off this high a mark before, but was beaten only 11/4 lengths when fifth of 16 to Suffied in a hot race at York on his reappearance. Sharp Peart: Consistent, but a 7th rise for his short-head victory in an amateurs race over course and distance last August looks a bit harrish. Also easternal debut here: Ellens Ladd Feirly useful at best for Richard Hannon and shaped well for new trainer first two starts this term. Found 6f or heavy too mach for han last time. Afaster: Had profitable write, winning twice on lart and once on the all-weather. Below best this term, but some promise first time and possibly unsuited by soft on latest Pleasure Time. Won 17-furner race at Nottinghem in May and has run well to be runner-up on both his starts time. 7th higher than for that win, but very much in form Mousehole: Won 19-furner race at Nottinghem in May and has run well to be runner-up on both his starts time. 7th higher than for that win, but very much in form Mousehole: Won 19-furner race at Nottinghem in May and has run well to be runner-up on both his starts time. On his last term exacted only by coming runner-up on four of his fast five outings. That suggests the handicapper may lust have his measure Sky Red: Thred of 20 in a handicap pit, soft in a Nottinghem on return but hasn't gone on from that, 3-1 on when whining a 4-runner maden last time by a length Almack Lightly-raced makien, off course throughout 1997. Modest form on all-weather and urf this year and has something to prove at these weights.

Swynford Direams in frame at Reddar and Newmaniaet earlier this years when there are the both figure again but is up against some interesting opponents, including Ellene Lud. Altern, Canovias Heart and MOUSEHOLE. The test-raced of the service of the ser

PONTEFRACT

HYPERION 2.20 Tapatch 2.50 Beverley Monkey 3,20 Moulin Rouge 3.55 Myttons Mistake 4.25 Echelle Musicale 5.00 Marske Machine 5.30 Black Weasel

GOING: Good to Firm. STALLS: Inside. DRAW ADVANTAGE: Low best up to a mile. STALLS: inside. DRAW ADVANTAGE: Low best up to a mile.

II Left-hand, unclusting course.

III Courseis in NW of fown on ASSS. Persetract (Morkhill) station in; Tanshelf station adjoins course. ADMISSION: Cub Ct2; Paddock £8; Silver Ring £350 CAR PARK: Third Ring, car with four occupants, £4, plus £2 et turnstiles; remainder free.

II LEADING TRANSERS: Miles J Remedien 35-200 (175%, J L Byre 15-145 (103%), J Duniop 13-46 (271%), H Cecil 12-29 (44%);

III LEADING JOCKEYS: K Relion 38-778 213%, K Darley 27-207 (75%), L Deitori 23-700 (23%), J Fortune 18-183 (88%).

III FAVOURITES: \$8-546 (35.5%).

BLINKERED FIRST TRIE: Black Weaser (5.50).

LONG DISTANCE RUNNER: Broughtone Turmor (3.55) has been sent 258 miles.

2 20 HYDE PROMOTIONS LADIES HANDI-

2.20	CAP (CLASS F) £4,000 1m 2f	
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FORM VERDICT Gore Hill is interesting, hearing shown her fire form on her feep-perstance and debut for a new stable sest month but this track could find out her stanting. TAPATCH may not have achieved a lot when winning here last week but le at least in good heart

2.50 DIANNE NURSERY HANDICAP (CLASS E) £4,000 added 2YO 6f

21 COURTESAM (31) (D) Mrs J Rameden 9 7 SWEET AS A NUT (20) C Duyer 95 Flynch ! 0250 GOLDEN REEF (13) R Holinshead 90 A McCertiny (3) 3

- 9 declared
BETTING: 9-4 Courteson, 3-1 Beverley Monkey, 13-2 College Nusic, 8-1 Sweet As A Not, 10-1 Golden Reef, Puerbeg, 12-1 So Willing, Sunset

FORM VERDICT COURTESAN has the potential to be a useful juvenile, should

be a lot befor then the moderate opposition she meets loday and can take this an route to befor things. Sunset Ladyhas some improvement in her and could be the main threat

3.20 BRADLEY MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) 55,000 added 1m 2f

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1		BILLY MOONSHINE (J127) G L Moore 6 9 7 Candy Monts 11
2	2/0	DANIEL DERONDA (22) PHartis 4 9 7 C. Lowther 7
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5		GLERNEAD (16) A Stevent 38 to
B	0.046	TROJAN WOLF (24) M Tomplins 3 8 10
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ė		WAYNE LUKAS (18) H Cect 3 8 10 A McGione 6
9		KIPEY PRINCESS (21) R Fabey 3 85 R Winston (3) 3
10		MOULIN ROUGE (36) E Durito 385 J Fortuna 3
Ť		ROSE OF SHELARS (22) L Cumani 3 8 5 A Firenchi 8
12		ZEENEH (18) M Janes 3 8 5 O Carter 10
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BETTHIG: 5-2 Wadi, 4-1 Moutin Rouge, 9-2 Rose Of Strukto, 6-1 Glenmeed, Zwenet, 10-1 Trojen Wolf, 12-1 Wayne Lukes, 18-1 others FORM VERDICT

Ross Of Shuaib should give a much better account of herself today (seamed not to act on soft ground last time) and would go close it reproduing her debut effort. However, with the Tompkins' stable in excellent form TROJAN WOLF can be expected to go close now he steps up to find on fast ground

3.55 ST. GILES HANDICAP (CLASS D) £7,000 added 6f

0-0000 RIFIFI (9) (D) R hgram 5 9 t3 DOTALS YOUNG BIGWIG (S) (D) D Chapman = 9 C A C COSED BROUGHTONS TURNION (9) 8 R Marian 5 9 T D Sv COST RAY OF SUNSHINE AS (D) Mrs J Parriedon 79 t. (Fee) J Fortune COSTO BOWLERS BOY (TO) (CD) J J Ourn 599 00-020 FAIRY PRINCE (18) (CD) Was A rag 5 95 7 40362 ANGEL HILL (8) A Fahry 393 8 002001 DEMOLITION JO (13) (D) F 5-sins 3 9 2 9 40-050 FRENCH (12) (CD) M Doub 6 9 1 JF Egen 4 V TO DESIGNAD CAUTION (B) (D) S GOINGS 490 11 DOZZOG MYTTONS MISTAKE (9) R Hodges ! 8 E 12 DECOG JULMAT JOHN (5) (D) E Alston 6 6 8 W Supple 1 G Duffield 11 TO 082023 TRUE TO TANGO (4) (BF) 5 M Moore 5 8 -W 0-0030 MERANTI (15) (0) J.M Bradey 5 8 1

© DODGO LOCHHURN LADY (5) N Hogg 4 7 to - 15 declared -Monmum weight. 7st 10th True handcap weighn Local-Hum boy, 7st 8th BETTING: 5-2 Ray Of Sunshme, 6-1 Young Bigwig, 7-1 Broughtons Turmol, Angel Hill, 8-1 Demoktion ato, Mystons Mistake. 72-1 Fairy Prince, Time To Tango, 14-1 others

FORM VERDICT

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Some potentially well-treated horses in coposition here but RAY OF SUNSHINE is the progressive one and has to be the choice, despite reservations about the quicker ground

4.25 TANSHELF MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) 25,000 added 1m 4f THE BAT (J116) A James 597 6" ELUSIVE STAR (124) Mrs M Raveley 9 9 A Cultions 7
12 BRIGADE CHARGE (USA) (9) L Curren 2 5 9 R French 1 A Cuthene 7 50 COUNT DE MONEY (36) A Jave 369 JF Fozn 4 PENDANT H Cect 388 29 PROFILER (USA) [25] H Cect 3 8 8 W Ryen 2 0 SOUTHERN RECEDAGE [25] W G M Turer 3 9 2 Dear MicKeown 3

- 8 deciared -BETTING: 2-1 Echelle Musicale, 5-2 Profiler, 3-1 Brigade Charge, 5-1 Pendark 16-1 Elusive Star, 33-1 others

53 ECHELLE NUSICALE (46) E Dunity 28 J

FORM VERDICT

BRIGADE CHARGE is clearly going the night way and 6 mailgrealy preferred to Henry Ceci's Profilerwho can be forgiven a bad run on soft ground last time. Exhele Musicales the only other one to consider but she may not be at her sharpest loday following over a month off the track

5.00 KING RICHARD III HANDICAP (CLASS E) £4,000 added fillies & mares 1m

14 00-500 LESLEY'S ADVENTURE (53) E Alexon 3 7 10 . . W Supply 14

- 14 deciared -Manamum weight 7st 10th Tue handlige weight: Lesley's Adventure 7st 7th BETTING: 9-4 Mouete: 7-1 Dancing Feather, Freckles, 8-1 Pension Feat-tees, Mazille, 12-1 Marske Machine, Patine, Bils Gidt, 14-1 others

FORM VERDICT

Both MOUCHEand Mazilla are best at different trips to that which they encounter today but still strike as the most likely winners of a moderate handicap. Mouths has threatened to win recently and suggested that she would stay the fin loday when lanshing last over 21 at Doncaster recently, while Maxila should also take advantage of her lement handicap mark soon although she may find the 1m too sharp on this occa

5.30 MONKHILL CLASSIFIED STAKES (CLASS E) £4,000 edded 1m 2f

1000-0 CANADIAN FANTASY (14) Mrs V Ward 4 97 . . . J Weever 4 OSDI: DESERT FIGHTER (11) (D) Mrs M Reveloy 79 7 A Culture 2 04260 METTA RIJFINA (12) (D) M Johnston 3 8 12 Deen McKerown 3,0040 BLACK WEASEL (11) J Dunlop 3 8 10 G Carter 5 0-43X3 HOWIES CHOICE (6) M Storain 3 8 to 366-40 MURMOON (11) 2 Hanbury 3 8 10 Willyam (

- 7 declared -BETTING: 2-1 Desert Fighter. 3-1 Summerhill Special, 5-1 Netta Bulina, 5-1 Canadian Fantany. Stack Wessel, Murmoon, 16-1 Howles Choice FORM VERDICT Difficult to work up much enthuseam about this contest in-roting out-of-term horses but NETTA RUFINA is given an-other chance Deering in mind that this will be his first try on a sound surface on turl.

FIRST SHOW Newmarket 2.35

6-1 7-1 7-1 13-2 11-2 B-1 7-1 7-1 75-2 7-1 7-1 7-1 9-1 7-1 8-1 9-1 10-1 7-1 10-1 7-1 7-1 10-1 10-1 10-1 11-1 Wild Sloy 11-1 10-1 8-1 10-1 11-1 16-1 12-1 18-1 14-1 16-1 Hugasty 16-1 2-1 18-1 14-1 16-1 Honest Bordines 14-1 14-1 16-1 12-1 14-1 Judicini Suprera, 16-1 14-1 16-1 14-1 16-1 Saley Arm 14-1 14-1 18-1 14-1 12-1 Hartewood 20-1 15-1 15-1 20-1 16-1 20-1 16-1 16-1 20-1 25-1 30-1 14-1 20-1 20-1 Mount Holly 25-1 25-1 25-1 25-1 20-1 Northern Bless, 20-1 20-1 25-1 20-1 25-1 20-1 20-1 161 20-1 25-1 Toulours Riviers 20-1 25-1 25-1 25-1 25-1 Classic Rund 33-1 25-1 25-1 25-1 25-1

fewer Golf Glory 33-1 33-1 33-1 25-1 25-1 Green Power 40-1 40-1 50-1 40-1 40-1 Each way, a quarter the octob, places 1, 2, 3, 4 C Corel, H Wim Hill L Ladbrokes, S Startley, T Trae

Newmarket 3.35 CHLS T 74 94 94 94 52 3-1 11-4 9-4 5-2 8-4 Eaton Square 41 7-2 7-2 7-2 4-1 Genute 7-1 7-1 8-1 5-2 7-1 Fruits Of Love 18-2 7-1 8-1 15-2 9-1 Italicaloured 12-1 11-1 12-1 11-1 10-1 Single Empire 20-1 14-1 15-1 14-1 11-1 Each way a quarter the odds, places 1, 2 Coral H Wm HB L Ladbrokes, S Stanley, T Total

Newmarket 4.10 B-2 9-2 B-1 4-1 n-2 n-2 6-1 5-7 Gipey Moth 9-1 9-1 7-1 8-1 HIII Magic 8-1 8-1 7-1 9-1 Magic Rainbow 10-1 5-1 7-1 9-1 Petarge 10-1 9-1 9-1 9-1 10-1 9-1 10-1 B-1 Second Wind 10-1 11-1 12-1 12-1 Pool Music 2-1 14-1 14-1 14-1 141 141 141 141 16-1 16-1 16-1 16-1 Olef Of Silver 161 8-1 15-1 20-1 33-1 33-1 33-1 25-1 Julias Jayra 20-1 20-1 25-1 33-1 20-1 33-1 16-1 33-1 Each-way a quarter the odds, places 1, 2, 3 C Coral, H Wim Hill, L Ladbrokes, T Total

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Anger as Wilson joins Wednesday

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY yesterday appointed Danny Wilson as their manager but no sooner had his move to Hillsborough been sealed, and John Hendrie installed as Barnsley's manager in his place, than a row broke out between the clubs.

John Dennis, the Barnsley chairman, criticised the way Wednesday had lured Wilsoo away. "Let me make it absolutely clear from Barnsley's point of view that the events of the last few days were unwelcome, unsolicited and very disappointing," he said.

"We tried everything to get Danny to stay. It waso't a money thing. Danny Wilson had a good relationship as a player with Sheffield Wednesday, and it was the only club he would have left Barnsley for.

Wednesday contacted me in the middle of last week, and I told them to go away but. I was about the approach and events

Wilson claimed he was fulfilling a "once-in-a-lifetime" chance to manage the club he served as a player for three years between 1990 and 1993.

"These opportunities very rarely come around." Wilson said. "I hope the match is a good one. The decision to come to Sheffield Wednesday was easy - the difficulty was leaving Barnsley. That was the hardest part. I must stress that the way the transfer has been handled has been very very professional. I certainly wouldn't have come if the deal hadn't been

done correctly." The new Barnsley manager, Hendrie, said: "I had no inkling whatsoever. I talked it over with my family. I met the chairman on Sunday and we agreed in principle. I have got the total support of the players. I don't

Middlesbrough yesterday signed the Crystal Palace fullback Dean Gordon for £900,000 and their manager, Bryan Robson, will also bring the Manchester United defender Gary

week in a deal worth about £2m. Rangers have completed the signing of the Argentinian-born attacking midfielder Gabriel Amato for £4.2m from Spain's Real Mallorca. The former River Plate player has agreed a four-year contract at Ibrox. Stuart Ripley has completed

a £1.5m move from Blackburn to Southampton. Shaka Hislop will complete his free transfer from New-

castle to West Ham today. Chelsea, the European Cup-Winners' Cup holders have been fined £4,000 by Uefa, European football's governing body after their fans misbehaved during the semi-final de-

Liverpool go for West

BY ALAN NIXON

TARIBO WEST Internazionale's Nigerian World Cup centrehalf, could be heading for Liverpool in a £5m deal before the end of the week

Liverpool's manager, Roy Evans, watched the powerful West, famed for his green-beaded hair, in the finals in France and was having talks with Inter yesterday about making him his major summer cash signing.

Evans had been interested in West but he made his move only when when he heard that Everton's new manager, Walter Smith, who had wanted to sign West when he was in charge at Rangers, was hoping to take him to to the blue side of

trying to agree a compromise figure with Inter, whose initial asking price was £8m.

Liverpool have been keen to sign a tough centre-half and West fits the bill. Although he had a patchy World Cup for the exciting Nigerians, there are not many top-class defenders available and West did well in the demanding Italian Serie A last

His personal terms should not be a major problem for Liverpool, who pulled out of a move for France's Marcel Desailty because of his wage demands. Evans was also keen on Germany's Jürgen Kohler, but he did oot shine at France 98 and his age, 32, was considered too old by the Liverpool board.

expected approach to Oldham Athlebe for Carl Serrant, their England Under-21 left-back Serrant, who has rejected a new contract at Oldham, is due to fly to Lisbon this week for talks about a what would be a free

Souness needs to replace Scott Minto, who is coming home to rejoin Charlton, and Serrant is regarded as suitable as there is no fee involved and Benfica are short of money.

Serrant, who has also attracted interest from Liverpool and Leicester City - has heen unable to move domestically because Oldham are asking £1m for him. However, he can go abroad for oothing and the Second Division club are Graeme Souness, the coach anxiously awaiting the result of Liverpool were last night of Benfica, has made an un- his talks with Benfica.

United likely to tackle Poles

BY RUPERT METCALF

IF MANCHESTER United are to recew their relabonship with the Champions' League next season, they must first survive a tricky August trip to either Poland or Azerbaijan.

Their failure to retain the

EUROPEAN CUP First qualifying round draws: Celde (Sco) v Sc Parrick's Athletic (Rep of Iri); Oblic (Aug v B Vestmannacyle (Sce), III Helsind (Fint v Versent Jam); Levis Lovech (Bul) v Halmstad (Swe); Stoaua Bucharesz (Rom) v Hora Tathen (Esy); LeS Lovech (Bul) v Halmstad (Swe); Stoaua Bucharesz (Nom) v Hora Tathen (Esy); LeS Lovech (Bul) v Hapar Ganca (Aze); Hareda Saulia (Luth) v Maribor (Stovent, Oramo Tohis) (Geor) v Villama Sihoder (Alb); Valletta (Mailia) v Anorthosis Farnagusza (Cyp); Zimforu Chishao (Mol) v Ülpesti (Hun); Grashopper Zurich (Swet) v Jeunesse Esch (Lup), Dynamo kwe (Ukr) v Barry Poma (Mail); Sieds Kratowi (Max) v Chib Bruges (Bel); Beitar Jerusalem (Er) v Barry Roma (Mail); Sieds Tathowi (Max) v Chib Bruges (Bel); Beitar Jerusalem (Ir) v Bād Corstawn (Earoe); Mosce (Siouak) v Cliftoenville (N Iri), Skonto Riga (Lat v Dynamo Minsh (Bela); First legs Wed 29 July).

EUROPEAN CUP Second qualifyleg round draw Rosenborg in ondhemm (Nor) v Silels Natovio or Cub Bruges; Manchestar Ude (Eng) v US Lodo or Napaz Ganck Ureks Lovech or Naimstad v Spartal Moscow (Rus), Galatasaray (Iur) v Grasshopper Zurich or Jeunesse Esch: Gelte or St Patrick's Rebiete v Croana Zagreb (Croal, Kareta Saulia or Maribor v PSV Endhoven (Nert), Dynamo Niesk or Santhoss Farnagusta, Benfica (Por) v Betta Jerusalem or Bål Torsham, Dmarno Tollis ov Vilazna Sikoder v Arnetic Bibao (Sp); HiK Helsinki or Verevan v Metz (Fr), Bayern Munich (Ge) v Obitic of Vestamannaevyar, Scurm Grassia, Landers or Flora Tallinn; v Panachmatkos (Gr), (Frist legs Wed 12 Aug, second legs Wed 25 Aug)

Premiership title last term Premiership seasoo starts means that the Old Trafford club must participate in the European Cup's second qualifying round. They will entertain either LKS Lodz from Poland or Kapaz Ganca, the champions of Azerbaijan, in Manchester on 12 August - four days before the

Grant (Geor), First legs from 13 Aug; second legs The 27 Aug).

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previous trip to Lodz, they met Widzew Lodz, city rivals to LKS, in the first round of the 1980-81 Uefa Cup. The Poles drew the first leg in Manches-EUROPEAN COMPETITION DRAWS EUROPEAN CUP-WINNERS' CUP Qualifying round draws Rudor Velenje ISloveni v Constructorul Orbsmac (Mol): Sadaz (Bechi v Hebingborg (Swel): Jausanne (Swel) v Isement Ararat (Arm): Cork Che (Ripp oli ni) v CSRA Res (Ukr): Ekrahat Panevezys (Luth) v Apoliton Umassol (Cyp): Apolitonia Fier (Alb) v Gent (Bel). Bangor Chy (Mai) v Haba Valkeabdi (Fn): Levals Softa (Bul) v Lournortv Vitedak (Bel): Levals Softa (Bul) v Lournortv Vitedak (Bel): Grevermacher (Luc) v Rapid Bucharest (Rom): Lantana Tallina (Est) v Hasart ef Nid-lothian (Soo). Amica Vitenik (Pol) v Hotemians (Mallat): Gotu (Faroe) v Mith Budapest (Hung): Glassoram (N in) v Maccath Hata (Is), Vardar Shope (Mac) v Spartak firmax (Soo)aki (Rasabakh Agdam (Azer) v PC Copenhagen (Den): Partzan Belgrade (Nug) v Dinamo Barum (Geor). (First legs Thu 13 Aug; second legs Thu 27 Aug). on away goals

with Kilmarnock, must commence their European cam-European Cup first qualifying round, Celtic meet the Dublin side, St Patrick's Athletic. If the Glasgow side proceed, they

will take on Croatia Zagreb. In the Uefa Cup first qualifying round Rangers have been drawn against another Republic of Ireland side, Shelbourne. Also in the Uefa Cup, Kilmarnock must travel to Bosnia for their first leg, to take oo Zeljeznicar Sarajevo. In the Cup-Winners' Cup, which does not commence until next month. Heart of Midlothian will meet

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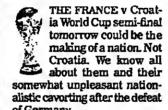
Second semi-final: Jacquet discovers formula to lift the national gloom



The French captain, Didier Deschamps, keeps his eye on the ball as Bernard Lama looks on during a training session yesterday

Les Bleus beat Le Pen

BY JOHN LICHFIELD in Clairefontaine



Tomorrow's semi-final could be the making, or re-making, of France; as a footballing nation, as a confident nation and, most of all, as a confidently multi-racial nation. Until this week few foreign journalists bothered to make the awkward trek out to Clairefentaine, the French team's headquarters, deep in the forest of Rambouillet. Yesterday there were 500 journalists, most of them foreign, for the home squad's open training session and press conference.

Although the French clearly have a talented team, although home advantage traditionally scores heavily, no-one much not even the French press and public - counted "les hommes

Bleus", as they are affectionately known, among the favourites to win the World Cup. After the penalty shoot-out victory against Italy in the quarter final last Friday, everyone even the French press and public - has decided abruptly to take the French team seriously.

Following the Italian victory. the Champs Elysées (and not just the pavements) filled with noisy revellers, most of whom had come in from the suburbs. Eveo more eloquent, in its way, was the single tricolour flag poking out of a window of an appartment in my staid and bourgeois quartier of the 17th arrondissement. This was the neighbourhood's first public recognition that an international football tournament was being played in France.

And was that large team poster of the French squad, proudly displayed in the cornerbar on the Avenue Carnot, already there last week? I don't think so. In the Journal de Dimanche on Sunday, Alain Genestar, one of the most interesting French political and d'Aimé Jacquet" or "Les social commentators, laid claim

to the success of the Freoch showed a Freochman in a team as a political and social, as well as a sporting, event. If the French go on to the final - their first ever - it could,

be said, finally dispel the gloomy

mood which has gripped the nabon since the mid-1990s. It would be the proof that, despite the new national taste for selfdenigration, the French could still do things with panache; and, most of all, that they could still beat the world Eveo more importantly, France would have done so with a team that "looks like the real France" of the late 20th

century, he said: a mixture of ethnic Arabs, Africans, Armenians, Pacific islanders, Russians, as well as players from most of the white, French tribes: Provençals, south-westerners, northerners, Bretons.

"What a wonderful blow to the hig, fat nose of Jean-Marie Le Pen," Genestar said. Last week Le Monde reported that the French were still the most overtly racist nation in Europe but that ootright hatred of immigrants and foreigners was, at least, declining. A cartoon

SHE IS always a sight for sore

beret, with baguette under his arm, being interviewed by a pollster. "So you don't really detest foreigners, then?" the pollster asked. "Not as long as they carry on scoring goals, the stage Frenchman replied. (The excellent daily supplement on the World Cup pub-

lished by Le Monde, which refused to cover sport until a couple of years ago, has been one of the features of France 98. The austere daily bible of the political, intellectual and literary classes has contributed to the widening audience for Le Mondial in France.) There is also, however, a purely footballing apotheosis at

stake tomorrow. French football has been gaining in strength for years, nourished in part by hungry and talented youth from the "quartier difficiles" of the big conurbations: Zidane, Henry, Barthez (as well as Cantona). French players, driven out of France by crippling taxation, now staff some of the biggest clubs in the Italian. English and Spanish Leagues. But the national team - apart

1984 European Championship has tended to stumble, failing at the last four in the World Cups of 1982 and 1986, and failing to qualify in 1990 and 1994. Liooel Charbonnier of Aux-

from the home victory in the

erre, the French third-choice goalkeeper, is hardly one of the well-known names of the Jacquet squad. But, at Clairefontaine yesterday, he eloquently summed up the feelings of his team-mates about tomorrow's semi-final: "Four years ago, eight years ago, we looked at the Italians and the Germans and we thought: 'We're as good as they are'. But it was always them who got through to the last stages, not us. This year, we're through and not them.

"Before, people said that with players like ours we should be winning. Now, because the players have gained strength from playing abroad, we have players who do win. We have players who want to go down in history. I think you can say that France is on the point of becoming one of the great footballing nations."

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GERMANY PLUNGED into a tiring. There's only one perbout of soul-searching yes- son who can take over their terday as football experts. journalists and the general public tried to cope again with World Cup failure. The national team's 3-0 de-

feat by Croatia on Saturday was the second successive time the Germans had gone out in the quarter-finals. The defeat prompted calls for more investment in young said that Vogts should stay. players, a radical rebuilding of the national team and a recall for the temperamental playmaker Stefan Effenberg, Germany's equivalent of Paul Gascoigne.

"All our best performers criticism for a lack of creand natural leaders are re- ativity and sportsmanship.

eyes in any case hut whenever the television cameras home in on Ronaldo's girlfriend in the Marseilles crowd tonight some members of the spread betting fraternity will be rubbing their hands with role-Stefan Effenberg," the particular glee. Sporting Index is awarding five points for former West German coach each time the lovely Susanna and captain Franz Beckenbauer wrote in Bild, a tabloid Werner, a model and a decent footballer, too, is caught on The future of his succescamera at the Brazil v Nethersor as coach, Berti Vogts, was lands semi-final. The compaalso under discussion. In a ny quotes a spread of 15-18

> Those opposed to the goldeo goal - a number who include Oliver Bierhoff, even though he profited from the system to shoot Germany to the European Championship crown two years ago - will be hearteoed to hear that Fifa is exploring alternative methods

of deciding matches between

teams who finish level after 90 minutes. The favoured replacement is to continue with the goldeo goal but to play out the entire 30 minutes of extra-time. If a single goal accrues then that team is the winner. If the other side draw level the team scoring the first goal wins, placing the oous on their opponents to score twice in the time re-

play. Alternatives to the spotkick shoot-out have also been pursued - and thrown out. One was for penalties to be taken after 90 minutes, so that in the event of a draw after extra-time the winners would be known in advance. Another suggestion, tested in a youth tournament, was to take penalties at the start of

Four years after the World Cup was staged in the United States, the level of recognition there remains surprisingly low. Only 52 per cent of adults living in the US knew the World Cup was a football competition and only 25 per cent were aware it is being played in France, according to a survey.

Compiled by Trevor Haylett

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First semi-final: Competition's only two candidates for greatness meet in Marseilles amid echoes of past battles

Fire and ice hold keys to victory

IT HAS been noted that, though hlessed with moments of sublime individual brilliance by the likes of Bergkamp, Owen and Ortega, this World Cup still waits for greatness, either individual or collective, to

If it is a dozen years since an individual, in Maradona, truly transcended this quadrennial jamboree, one has to go back much further to find a great team. Brazil. in 1970, may have been the last outstanding winners; the Dutch, four years later, and Brazil again, in 1982, the last glorious failures.

This has much to do with the levelling of standards and the increased attention to defensive organisation which, together, have made it easier to stop good teams. However, with the various refereeing crack-downs, both here and at USA 94, attacking football is back in fashioo and

The Dutch may finally have found both the collective will and the talent to overcome Brazil tonight. By Glenn Moore

tonight, at the Stade Vélodrome, this olution, it was totally different. We World Cup's only two candidates for greatness - France being too impotent, Croatia too Machievellian take the stage.

Appropriately they are the modern-day heirs to the teams of Pele. Cruyff and Zico in the third major World Cup meeting between Brazil and the Netherlands. In 1974 a Cruyff-inspired Dutch team beat Brazil - then, as now, the holders - 4-0. The game marked the passing of a baton. "Their football," recognised Roherto Rivetino, a member of the '70 and '74 Brazil-

made that exit so the men behind could enter." But not to succeed. West Germany, hlessed with great individuals but not a team to stir the soul, defeated the Dutch in the final.

The Dutch lost again, bitterly, to Argentina in 1978 then alumped until, four years ago, they reached the quarter-finals only to lose 3-2 to Carlos Alberto Parreira's relatively methodical, but ultimately successful, Brazilian side.

Now they meet again. Both have shown glimpses of the sort of football from which legends are made. For the Netherlands Dennis Bergkamp, with country as with club, has been spasmodically bril-clashed with Bebeto during the win liant. There have been cameos from Marc Overmars and Patrick Kluivert in attack, from Wim Jonk and Edgar Davids in midfield, from Frank de Boer in defence.

For Brazil Ronaldo, despite doubts about his fitness and condition, has revealed his class when required; Rivaldo is growing into the heavy responsibility of bearing the No 10 shirt, Cafu and Roberto Carlos have shown flashes of fire on the flanks, and Dunga has confirmed the value of experience while demonstrating an underestimated

ability to see and play a pass. But, so far, they have flattered to deceive. For a change it is they who seem dis-united, not the Dutch. The team operates in parts, not as a whole and the tensions within surfaced when Dunga, who plays as if

over Morocco.

The Dutch appear to have a greater togetherness. Gus Hiddink has worked hard at integrating a side fissured along two lines. Culturally the white Dutch players have little in common with the hlack players of Surinamese-descent. Professionally there was been a divide between the Ajax family and the outsiders, most of whom are from Hiddink's former team, PSV Eindhoven.

Hiddink's most crucial accommodation is with Davids. Thrown out in Euro 96, he is now an awesome sence. "We had some problems in '96 hut they talked it out and it can't happen again." said Overmars. "Now the team spirit is good."

There are still little differences: the racial groups are said to have

camp in Switzerland, hut they are minor. In a coincidental but timely feature, the International Herald Tribune yesterday made the point that, while there are racist feelings in the Netherlands, they are subdued and there is no support for any would-be Dutch version

of Jean-Marie Le Pen, the French

racist politician.

One unwanted bonus Hiddink has is that tragedy has introduced a sense of perspective. Jonk though still playing football of clarity, is labouring under the pain of the death of his best friend mid-tournament. All have seen the fate of Winston Bogarde, a loner hut not without friends, suffer a broken leg on Sunday just as Artur Numan's suspension opened the

way for his chance. With specula-

had alternative recreational prior- tion at the Dutch training camp that ities in the pre-World Cup training Overmars will not be fit in time, it seems likely that either Philip Cocu will drop back with Boudewijn Zenden coming in for Overmars, or that Aron Winter will take over at right back as part of a more defensive formation. To balance this loss Brazil must bring in Ze Carlos, who was selling water melons, fixing cars and playing part-time a year ago, for the suspended Cafu.

While the English and the Germans create great teams by the force of collective will, the Dutch and Brazilians undermine great teams by the lack of it. This time. bowever, the Netherlands may have acquired the sense of purpose to go with their talent. With Brazil still torn hetweeo the desire to antertain and the need to win, the Dutch have the ability and ambition

Demons of Dallas fade as Leonardo finds liberty

A rash moment at USA 94 has haunted the brilliant Brazilian, who today can move closer to redemption. By Adam Szreter

THE WHEEL has come full circle for the main reason why Leonardo set-Leonardo Nascimento de Araujo, It is almost exactly four years to the day since the Brazilian midfield player was sent off after fracturing the skull of Tab Ramos of the United States in San Francisco during a second-round match at USA 94.

The incident occurred in the closing minutes of the first half. Leonardo lashed out as Ramos beld on to him, catching the Amer- record was exemplary. ica player just above the ear. months, while Leonardo was given an unprecedented four-match ban, effectively expelling him from the tournament. That it happened on American soil, on 4 July, probably did not belp his cause, but Leonardo has always denied intent.

"He was holding my arm and my natural reaction was to shake him off," he said at the time. "Unfortunately he was falling and I hit him in the face. It was only when I saw the reaction of the other players that I realised what had happened. I wasn't getting wound up, I had no reason to be. We were enjoying our best spell of the game. To hit an opponent goes against my principles and all the things I stand for in football.

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Leonardo's last statement has been born out by the way his career has unfolded since then, but he found few supporters at the time. The Brazilians, 1-0 winners, appealed in vain and went on, minus Leonardo, to the quarterfinal five days later in Dallas against the Netherlands. "It's funny how history repeats itself," Leonardo, now 29, said earlier this week. "I missed the chance to face the Netherlands then and now I'm get-

Despite that setback Leonardo. an attacking full-back in those days, was in great demand after the World Cup but he surprised many by choosing to move to Kashima Antlers in Japan. He was by no means the first Brazilian to take that road - his Idol, Zico, played for the same club, going on to become technical director, which was

tled on the J-League club.

He enjoyed almost two seasons of rebabilitation there, setting Kashima Antlers on their way towards J-League title success in 1996. Always a popular figure in Japan, be learned enough Japanese to address his adoring fans on the occasion of his final match. More pertinently, his disciplinary

He moved on to Paris St-Ger-Ramos was out of action for three main, where again he proved an instant success, so much so that Milan came in for him at the start of last season with an offer he could not refuse.

Once more, however, he bade farewell in style with a virtuoso performance in what was almost his last game for PSG. Trailing 3-0 from the first leg of a European Champions' League preliminary round tie with Steaua Bucharest (PSG had actually lost 3-2 in Romania but were penalised for fielding a suspended player by mistake), the Brazilian inspired them to an unlikely 4-0 triumph back at the Parc des Princes. In Italy Leonardo suffered along

with many of his club-mates -Ibrahim Ba's poor form cost him his place in the French squad - as Milan struggled last season. Leonardo lost his place in the Brazilian side for the Confederations Cup in Riyadh earlier this year and he had to settle for a place on the bench for the opening match of France 98 against Scotland. However, he came on as a substitute that day, has kept his place in the side ever since and tonight's game against the Netherlands should mark his 45th cap for Brazil.

When the countries met in Dallas four years ago Brazil won 3-2. with Dennia Bergkamp among the scorers for the Dutch, and Leonardo foresees a similarly tight

encounter tonight. "It will he hard, given the way that the Dutch have gone from strength to strength," he said. "I'm surprised and impressed by the way some strong individuals have mates at this World Cup.



Brazil's Leonardo (right) shadows Ronaldo (foreground) in training yesterday

his past.

managed to adapt to a collective meotality."

Having added French and English to his repertoire of foreign languages, with Italian probably to come. Leonardo has become something of a spokesman for his team-

However, the had memories of Brazil make the final this time, he the last World Cup are still fresh enough in his mind that he would prefer not to dwell on the errors of

Instead, he has heen concen-Mario Zagallo's side so that, if

will not miss out again.

"I hope we'll meet France in the final." he said, tempting fate just a little. "It is my adopted home, I like the people here, and the culture. trating on cementing his place in But if we have to play them, we'll

candidate for many, however,

after his huge success with

Argentina's junior teams over

the past four years. He

coached Argentina to the

event in Italy.

of Boca Juniors.

Stam aims to live up to his world record fee

Football's most expensive defender has other things on his mind as he prepares to face Brazil. By Glenn Moore

DENNIS BERGKAMP took the pass in his stride and moved towards goal. A defender barred his way so he dropped a shoulder, executed a shimmy, and went to step past. But out snaked a foot and, in an instant, the ball was at Jaap Stam's feet instead. He strode into midfield and slid a pass into the path of a team-

A scene from the Dutch training session yesterday evening at Aix-en-Provence and, Alex Ferguson bopes, one which will be repeated at Old Trafford and Highbury next year.

This is what Manchester United have paid £10m for, a defender who is good with his bead in the cerebral sense as well as the aerial, who stays on his feet and is as capable in possession as in depriving somebody else of it.

Doubts have arisen, though, about his ability due to an unfortunate mis-kick against Mexico, which allowed Luis Hernandez an injury- ter-final. "I shut my eyes for a few which conceded

an unconverted penalty to Yugoslavia, and for being at fault when Claudio Lopez beat the Dutch offside trap against Argentina. Although his distrihution has been good it is beginning to look defensively as if United have brought a dud, with even Stam admitting that he has been surprised by the consistently high

This evening we can all judge he faces the best striker of them all. Ronaldo, a one-time teammate at PSV Eindhoven. When

level of oppo-

they played tosemi-final at the Stade Velodrome.

"He was just a kid," remembers Stam. "He was timid and didn't say very much. But you could see at first sight that he had a terrific talent. You knew he would be very good."

Stam's future rise was less obvi-World Youth Cup in Qatar ous. He did not turn professional three years ago and retained until he was 19 and then it was with the trophy in Malaysia last year. Thus May, his Under-21 Second Division Zwolle, near Kampen, the small town of his hirth. He team won the Toulon inmoved to Cambuur Leeuwarden ternational tournament in France on the same day that and Willem II Tilburg, each time under the tutelage of Theo de Jong. his Under-17s won another the former Netherlands interna-Those opposed to Pekertional. Finally, in 1995, he signed for PSV, as an ex-midfielder who had man had hoped Passarella inight be replaced by the forbeen converted into a right-back. Inmer international striker Carjuries meant he was rushed in at centre-back and it was the making of los Biauchi, but this possibility him. By the end of the season he was appeared to evaporate when an international – albeit only for 10 Bianchi was appointed coach minutes in a pre-Euro 96 friendly.

Though in the squad he did not play in the tournament, but then an outstanding display in a friendly earned him a run in the side. His opponent that day? Ronaldo.

"He is a great striker but I know what I have to do against him," said Stam, "I must mark him closely to prevent him turning with the ball. If he is allowed to do that, and to run at me, we will have problems because he is so quick and moves so easily through defences."

Stam plays with a yellow card against him, received when he brought down Viadimir Jugovic and conceded the first penalty given against him all season. "Another would put me out of the final," he admits, "hut I can't think about that."

He feared he would he out of this game, and probably the Netherlands out of the competition, when Ariel Ortega tumbled over his foot in the closing minutes of the quartime equaliser, a clumsy challenge seconds and waited with apprehension for the ref-

> eree's decision. I wasn't certain that I badn't committed a foul After I'd seen it from various angles I could tell Ortega had dived over my leg. He deserved a yellow card. Fifa want to protect attackers but they must also think about defenders. They should make a film about the divers in this championship. the Mexicans, especially Blanco, are particularly good." He exonerates Ronaldo from this charge, of whom he says approvingly: "He doesn't dive. He always tries to keep his feet."

Stam: Knows he must stay focused in tonight's semi-final

concerned about gether, in 1995-96, Ronaldo was a 17- the size of his fee, except to remark year-old hoy from Brazil, Stam a with astonishment that the comlate-developer from the country. mercial centre of his home town was Now they meet in a World Cup recently sold for the same amount. A Manchester United fan as a youngster with a liking, also, for Chris Waddle and Glenn Hoddle, he added: "I have seen Dutch players go to England, like Bergkamp and [Mare] Overmars, and do very well

so I hope I do well also." At present he has more pressing matters on his mind, with the main one being not the prospect of facing Ronaldo but the imminent hirth of his first child. Stam bas said that when his wife calls he will go home even if it means missing the final This may be the reason, suggest Dutch observers, that his play has not been of the standard that led Johan Cruyff to call him "one of the

best defenders in the world". Manchester United fans may be relieved to know that the baby is due to arrive long before next season

Laudrup ends international era

Laudrup, yesterday announced his retirement from international football and declared his intention to put all his efforts into making a success of his move to Chelsea.

The 29-year old former Rangers player has decided to follow his older brother, Michael, in retiring from the national side following the Danes' 3-2 defeat by Brazil in last weekend's World Cup quarter-finals.

"Twe got a footballing hangover It's time for a younger player to take my place," said Laudrup Jnr, who scored two goals in France 98. "I'm stopping after one of

played. I've had enough after February. reaching a World Cup quarter final and winning the Euro-"It has nothing to do with

the defeat. On the contrary, I'm proud of that game. I made up my mind after it. Now I want to concentrate on my club football with Chelsea, and my family."

Laudrup, who informed the Denmark coach, Bo Johansson, of his decision after the Brazil game, made his Denmark dehut in 1987 and scored 21 goals in 82 interna-

"I started at the age of 18, so I'm probably satiated the biggest matches the before the others," added

THE DANISH striker, Brian Danish team have ever Laudrup, who turns 30 next laid the foundations for Ajax's tial coaches of the last 25 Laudrup said he intends to

finish with all football at the end of his Chelsea contract. "The contract with Chelsea will be my last one," he said. "I made the decision six to do with the fact that my brother is also quitting all football now."

The coach who guided the Netherlands to the 1974 World Cup final, Rinus Michels, was in a "stable condition" in hospital yesterday after suffering a heart attack.

Michels, 70, was the mastermind of the Netherlands' "Total Football" philosophy of the 1970s and the man who

with their European cup successes of the early 1970s. He was rushed to bospital after being taken ill early on Sunday following the Netherlands' 2-1 quarter-final win months ago, so it has nothing over Argentina in Marsellles on Saturday.

> "He is no longer in a critical condition, he is stable and our best wishes go to him. said a Fila spokesman. Keith Cooper, who added that Michels - who had a heart bypass operation about 15 years ago - was expected to be able to leave hospital in a few

Known as "The General". and one of the most influencoached Barcelona. In 1988 he returned as the Netherlands' national coach and guided them to victory in that year's European Championship. Daniel Passarella, the man

in charge of the Argentina side that lost to the Netherlands at the weekend, may be replaced by Nestor Pekerman, hut no decision is expected until next year. The president of the Argentine Football Federation, Julio Grondona, said he will not rush to judgement on picking a successor. "We have until 1 January to chose a new

coach." he said. Pekerman is the ohvious

J'accuse: farce and fear taint a flawed finals

PRE-TOURNAMENT OPTIMISM is eroding. If the World Cup finals are about discovery - of great players, a great team, the state of the international game - then the shedding of a tear or two is in order.

Arguably things are much worse than that, for despite the odd glori-ous moment, a few wonderful contests, what France 98 has confirmed for the discerning football lover is that the contemporary game is unhealthy.

Forget the leader-writers and the idle observers commissioned to write on the feature pages. Forget also the droll commentary of our television critics. Theirs is a dismal view, which draws from a well of

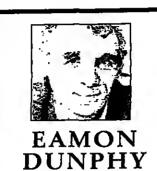
spite and ignorance.

Think instead of those who remember World Cups past, for whom the game of football is glorious, the ordinary fan who can recall with authority another era, the age of Pele, Bobby Moore, Johan Cruyff. Bobby Charlton, Zico, Socrates. Paolo Rossi and Franz Beckenbauer, footballers who left their mark on World Cups past, setting the standard by which those aspiring to greatness today must be judged.

It was not just the way yesterday's beroes played. They looked the part. Those footballers were men of character, heroes by any standard. They were, in short, the reason why we follow football, why football is worth

Wealthy in all other respects, we know for witnessing France 98 that the game today is impoverished where it matters most, in spirit. Ironically it is for the old fools in blazers that we should compose a lament, purposes. The edict issued by Blat-Nostalgic for Sir Stanley Rous? Sir Stanley was president of Fifa, foothall's world governing hody, once The proposed reform forbidding upon a time, a hluff old codger, a figurehead of fun. But not the kind of half-baked, at best. Good tackling is defended set-pieces in their own politician-spiv who governs football today, frantically engaged in deals of one kind or another, to do with sponsorship, television rights and other corporate ventures.

Where Sir Stanley and his ilk



European association, and Fifa, who govern football today, impose on every aspect of the game: from shots filmed by the television cameras designed to create the illusion that the venues are packed with happy fans from competing nations - when in fact the fans are herded into pens to serve the television director's needs - to the manner in which the game is refereed by officials malleable enough to secure and

retain a place on Fifa's panel. It is not for want of outstanding footballers that this tournament will be remembered, rather for the anarchy prevailing on the pitch. And this in turn reflects a crisis of authority which leaves players and coaches with contempt for the laws of the game and those charged with enforcing them. Don't blame the match officials for they are victims, too.

The two men responsible are Sepp Blatter, Fifa's new president, and Michel Platini, the former French footballer co-opted to the organising committee for cosmetic ter and Platini to tournament referees has ruined the competition. dangerous tackles from behind is one of football's great skills. The best referees do not need a memo from Fifa to discharge their responsibilities. Good referees can easily discern between fair and foul intent. Mandatory punishment such as that presided benignly, those in Uefa, the prescribed by Blatter and Platini

merely serves to deny referees their most indispensable aid, discretion, and the exercise of their own com-

Common sense, justice, fair play, all are inextricably linked, all must be applied on a case by case basis. The absence of natural justice has characterised France 98 to the point of madness. Too many vital games have been defined by decisions taken by referees who are palpably afraid. No wonder players cheat. One does when justice is undermined.

If the tackle from behind is discredited, the elbow in the face offers an even more pernicious threat. If the skill of tackling is cast into disrepute, the black art of diving acquires commensurate value. Shirt-pulling becomes the vogue. Brazen obstruction goes unpunished, every game blighted by petty deceits, the law as laid down by Blatter and Platini is a snides' charter, more threatening to the honest, mistimed, challenge than the sly swallow dive to turf.

Bearing all of this in mind one reflects despairingly on the week-end's quarter-finals, and looks forward with trepidation to the tournament's conclusion this week. Of the four quarter-finals, in only one - Brazil against Denmark - has the football proved decisive. To their credit, the Brazilians and the Danes concentrated on the husiness in hand, eschewing the nefarious. The best team won after a fright, From each of the other games a bad taste lingers, a sense that cynicism and ineptitude were the determining factors, football a casualty.

France deserved Friday's victory over Italy via the penalty shootout. But the football was a grim farce, remarkable for the Italians' persistent and flagrant fouling as they penalty area. Obstruction and shirtpulling was the order of the day, the referee, Hugh Dallas from Scotland, affecting to be blind to the chaotic scenes, which bordered on farce, before his eyes.

When the France striker It was, however, in a splendid con-



France's Stephane Guivarc'h escapes with a yellow card, rather than a red, from the Scottish referee, Hugh Dallas, after making contact with Italy's Fabio Cannavaro with his elbow during the quarter-final

Stephane Guivarc'h resorted to test on Saturday afternoon, between back-alley retaliation by smashing his elbow to the face of his principal tormentor, Fabio Cannavaro, Mr Dallas chose yellow instead of the more appropriate red card. A cameo of consistency, the issue avoided.

Yet sitting in their hotels players from other competing countries would watch and wonder, what was permissible, what was not. To which the only rational response was... whatever you could get away with. When justice is a lottery anarchy is assured. It is not surprising, therefore, that the Germans felt hard done by when, 24 hours later, the full-back Christian Worns was (justifiably) dismissed for a desperate lunge at the Croat Davor Suker, a master diver, who this time needed no excuse. That decision changed the game. Croatia proving surprisingly adroit at exploiting their extra man.

the Netherlands and Argentina, that the deplorable whimsy that is the consequence of the Blatter/Platini edict was most destructively evident. A wonderful World Cup quarterfinal was reaching a suitably intense climax. The football was compelling, an engaging contrast in styles, a treat however sadly diminished by its subtext: a hopelessly compromised Mexican referee who had issued a fistful of yellow cards. the implications of which began to bear mexorably upon him and the

players in his charge. Señor Brizio Carter might already have dismissed Jaap Stam, Roberto Sensini or Jose Chamot, all of whom he had shown a yellow card to earlier. Alas, with 13 minutes of the game remaining, it was the Netherlands' left wing-back, Artur Numan, who fell foul of Carter's neurosis.

Someone had to go and Numan

for a relatively innocuous challenge. the Dutchman was dismissed for a rash tackle on Diego Simeone. Compound injustice. Numan had been influential in turning the game in the Dutch's favour in the second-half. He is a notably clean player.

Perhaps with that in mind Mr Carter then felt obliged to compensate. In the event he did more than that, Argentina, with an extra man, began to reverse the flow of the game. The momentum was with the South Americans. Two minutes from time Ariel Ortega won possession, attacked Stam in the penalty area, and was fouled, unquestionably in my view. Carter, now the principal character in our story, deemed otherwise.

Frustrated, Ortega stuck his head in Dutch goalkeeper Edwin Van der Sar's face and joined Numan on the

it was. Booked early in the first half World Cup final calibre was, thus, rendered a farce. There followed a moment of exquisite irony, by which this contest was decided, a template one could argue for all the perplexing folly of France 98: bemused and angry Argentina lost their concentration; Frank de Boer struck a magnificent 60-yard pass from his own half towards Dennis Bergkamp, who had found a yard of space between three defenders; the striker's first touch was perfect, his second elegantly elusive, his third an explosive volley to the corner of

> Argentina's net. Bergkamp, the perfect hero for France 98, the perfect idol of the modern game: sneaky, selfish, vicious, brilliant. His wicked stamping of the Yugoslav Sinisa Mihailovic was redeemed in a glorious instant. No justice.

> For that France 98 must depend



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Searching for the truth in Tapie's sackfuls of francs

Bernard Tapie, the man at the centre of the Olympique Mar-seilles bribes scandal of five years ago, has just written n book about the affair. In nn imaginary interview. Andy Martin attempts to discover if Tapie was villain or victim.

THE CLOCK struck three as Bernard Tapie walked through the door. It was kind of a surprise. "Monsieur Tapie!" I said. How kind of you to come. But I thought your publishers said that you were "tranquillising yourself" after a gruelling television interview?

"You mustn't believe everything people tell you," he said. Bernard Tapie, the former chairman of Olympique Marseilles, former Government minister, and now former jailhird, has just brought out Librement, a book he wrote while in prison. He had a charming smile and thick wavy hair and a damn nice suit too.

Nevertheless, I felt dutybound to put some hard ques-tions. "Is that right that you have a habit of inventing meetings that never took place?" I said.
"Nonsense!" he retorted with a laugh. "No more than I have a habit of denying meet-

ings that did take place. He is probably best known, in England at any rale, for steering Marseilles to European Cup glory in 1993 and then hlowing it hig-time as it gradually came out that one opposition team had been hribed to throw a league game the previous season. A sackful of francs was found buried in the garden of a Valenciennes player, Christophe Robert, Someone must have given him the dough,

but who? It was alleged that on the 17 June 1993 at 3pm Tapie had a meeting in his Paris office with Boro Primorac (the Valenciennes trainers at which he was supposed to have brihed Primorac to carry the can. But then Tapie pulled a rabbit out of the hal in the shape of a meeting with Jacques Mellick. a former minister and mayor of Bethune at that very same

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ANDY MARTIN FRANCE

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time of 3pm which demonstrated that Tapie could not pos-

sibly have been bribing anyone. The alibi was sound, except that Mellick turned out to have heen several hundred miles away in Béthune at the time the meeting was supposed to have taken place. "That was a mis-take," Tapie said.

"And this business of the money in a bag in the garden?" "You're digging up that old story? That was all media manipulation. Did that money have my name on it? No. And anyway. the Valenciennes players who hlew the whistle - if they were telling the truth they should have told it the day before not

ries like this after the match." I'd always had a sneaking sympathy for this position myself. Either take a hribe or don't, hut don't hury it in the garden, it's not as if it's going

the day after You don't tell sto-

"A patron of bar in Marseilles

QUOTES OF THE DAY

"I can feel the pressure and the responsibility building

up on my shoulders. But I'm still able handle it and

keep calm." Ronaldo, Brazil striker, looking forward to

tonight's semi-final agoinst the Netherlands.

"Hniland are very good [but] would not have beaten

Argentina if Ortega had not made a schoolboy mistake

and got himself sent off." Brazil coach, Mario Zagallo,

"It is not necessary to do anything extraordinary. I'll

just play my usual simple game." Ze Curlos, who will

make his full debut at right-back for Brazil tonight

"I've said all along that France are the favourites, but

I still don't think they can beat us." Miroslav Blazevic,

o confident Croatian coach, on tomorrow's

semi-final against the hosts.

once said to me that the real scandal was that you never paid these guys enough and if you had it would never have come out."

"200,000 francs, this is not

peanuts..." Tapie said "Ah! You English! This is what you call a trick question, no? According to Tapie, we should be looking to see who

stood to gain most from a fix. In the event Valenciennes lost 1-0 and were relegated. It's true that Valenciennes had a stake in staying up, just as Marseilles had a stake in winning a game that would guarantee the championship and qualify them for Europe. But what is clearly wrong is the supposed motive, as stated hy the judges, that "Marseilles had to win this match to guarantee

the difference between a league game and the European Cup. Reading Tapie's book you get

playing in the final against

Milan". They couldn't even tell

that he was innocent but rather that corruption in the French league was so universal that you had to join in just to stay on a level playing field: fictional "loans". "commissions to go-betweens on transfer deals, offshore companies, friendly "draws". He was simply a

scapegoat, while the real Mr Big figures are still at liberty. Tapie clearly felt that his sentence of eight months was a touch harsh. Not to mention the three years (half suspended) and a Fr300,000 fine on top on ac-

count of other financial crimes. "All the irregularities corresponded to practices that were certainly regrettable, but widespread. The final destinations of all the sums Marseilles distributed were largely identified, except for some three or four million francs out of a hudget of two hillion over a period of seven years. Now that's not a bad average surely?"

The real mystery is how Tapie managed to run up a Fr1.3bm deht owed to Credit Lyonnais.

"Do you think you might ever go back into football?" "In my position, some would be disenchanted with football for ever. But I have not missed a game during the World Cup." "France are doing amaz-

"You are thinking of the penalty shoot-out?" He looked reflective. "It makes you wonder, doesn't it?" He looked at his watch. "I have to fly," he said. "I'm supposed to be hundreds

of miles away." Then he disappeared. And the clock finished striking three.

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THE COMPLETE GUIDE TO FRANCE 98

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Netherlands v Brazil SEMI-FINAL: STADE VELODROME, MARSEILLES, KICK-OFF, 20,00 BST F DE BOER ZE CARLOS LEONARDO DAVIDS RONALDO CESAR SAMPAIO TAFFAREL VAN DER SAR BEBETO JUNIOR BAIANO KLUIVERT REIZIGER RIVALDO ROBERTO CARLOS PROBABLE MEATHER: Scattered clouds. REFEREE: A M BUJSAIM (UNITED ARAB EMIRATES Temperature: 20C. TV: LIVE: ITV 7.45; EUROSPORT 7.50

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I EAM NEWS
NETHERLANDS: Artur Numan Is suspended and his planned replacement, Winston Bogarde, is unavailable after breaking his leg in training on Sunday. Phillip Cocu is likely to move to left-back. Boudewijn Zenden is favourite to start in left midfield, with Marc Overmars (hamstring) a doubtful starter.
BRAZIL: Defender Cafu is sus- pended and will be replaced

by Ze Carlos, who will be mak- ing his international debut.
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gentina and Norway, out of the tournament Brazil look like racing certainties to retain their World Cup title and can underline the point by dispatching the Netherlands (maybe 3-2) In what promises to be a goal feast in Marseilles this evening.

Brazil emerged triumphant on penalties after a dour goalless final against Italy in the United States in 1994, but their 1998 squad has a great deal more flair. Roberto Carlos, for instance, has revealed himself as a wing-back of awesome pace, skill and work-rate while, as veteran captain Dunga controls the side in midfield. Rivaldo had emerged as the holders' most creative force.

Barcelona's most prized of the tournament.

It is a measure of the regard in which Ronaldo is held worldwide, that, despite scoring

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WORLD CUP BETTING WITH THEIR bogey teams, Arthree goals, many consider him to have been a bit of a disap-

pointment so far. However, the Internazionale striker turned provider in spectacular fashion against Denmark and although he has not pleased everyone with his lethargic movement off the ball so far he is still worth siding with to come good when It matters. Ronaldo certainly looks the most likely first goalscorer and rates a fair bet

at around 4-1. The Netherlands look sure to provide stern opposition, particularly as Brazil do look highly susceptible at the back. Roberto Carlos's woeful attempt at an overhead clearance - which let Denmark in for their second goal in the quarter-final - typified their cavaller manasset put in another awesome ner-and, with Brazil's wingdisplay as Brazil beat Denmark backs charging up the field, 3-2 In the quarter-finals and lumbering central defenders Alpromises to go home herald- dair and Junior Baiano do freed as having been the player quently look exposed at the

> Dennis Bergkamp, Phillp Cocu and Patrick Kluivert look sure to expose this weakness all night but Brazil, whose traditional method of defence is to rely on superior possession and pushing forward, should simply score more goals than they concede.

The Netherlands' defence is frankly frail. They let a two-goal lead slip against Mexico, almost let Yugoslavia in and, although it is hard to conjure up an image of exactly what a de-fender worth £10m would look like. It is pretty safe to say that Jaap Stam has not, thus far, provided said visual impression. It must be assumed that the management at Manchester United are wondering if they have purchased the Dutchman on sale or return. lan Davies

SPREAD BETTING

IE FIRST semi-final at Marilles tonight is a contrast in e scoring patterns. Three eks ago Brazil kindly scored er nine minutes against Mocco when this quarter aded a sell of their first goal 40 minutes.

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That was not (entirely) a exiple of out-of-the-blue geis, especially when you alyse Brazil's tournament :ord.

Discounting the Norway me when the South Amerins were less than fully comtted having already qualified group-winners, they have aliys scored early. They took

four minutes against Scotland, 11 against Chile and even after conceding a goal to the Danes in the second minute Bebeto took just nine minutes to register the equaliser.

The Dutch are the reverse. Following up the 0-0 against Belgium the final goal in their matches have come in the 83rd, 90, 90 and (wait for it)

Both defences have had their wobbly moments. For the Dutch Jaap Stam has looked less a £10m defender and tween accident and rebuilding

It took the Norwegians and the Danes to show that the favourites' defence is far from unshakable so, with Bergkamp. Kluivert, Rivaldo and Ronaldo around, a buy on the total goals

The only proviso for this recommendation - and for a slight sell on the bookings because the referee is a decent one – is if "Mystic Kev" opines that it will be a clean encounter with a lot of goals.

This column's fine record cannot begin to cope with Keemore like the \$6m man be- gan's, so be prepared to bail

Richard Wetherell

4 Chile Nantes 3 Denmark St Denis Nigeria Brazil Netherlands v Toulouse Netherlands 2 Yugoslavia 1 Marseilles Netherlands 2 Argentina Argentina 2 England Sunday 12 July 8pm · Marseilles Italy 1 Norway Italy 0 France Lens France win 4-3 on penalties France 1 Paraguay Tomorrow 8pm St Denis v Croatia Montpelller Germany 2 Mexico Lyons 3rd/4th place play-off Saturday 11 July 8pm 0 Croatia Germany Bordeaux Romania 0 Croatia All nmes BST

THE FINAL STAGES

SEMI-FINALS

QUARTER-FINALS

GOALSCORERS

FIVE GOALS Christian Vieri (Italy) Gobriel Batistuta (Argentina)

FOUR GOALS Marcelo Salas (Chile) Davor Suker (Croatia)

THREE GOALS Thierry Henry (France) Cesar Sampalo (Brazil) Ronaldo (Brazil) Jürgen Klinsmaon (Germany) Oliver Bierhoff (Germany) Dennis Berghamp (Netherlands) Risaldo |Brazil|

TWO GOALS

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Patrick Mthoma (Cam): Anton Poister (Au): Infoa Vastic [Aut): Andreas
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OWN GOALS Tomuny Boyd [Sco]; Youssef Chippo [Mor]; Pierre Issa [S Africa]; Sinisa Mihajlovic (Yug).

Scephane Gulvarc'h (France)

Didier Deschamps [France) Players involved in the semi-finals of Staveo Bille |Croatla)

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Artur Numan |Netherlands|

STATISTICS OF THE DAY THE NUMBER of goals that the Brazikin full back. We Carlos, was reported to be at fault for in a recent, raining march between the first fearn and the reserves.

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quality in 1982 or 1980.

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the West German, Helmun Schön
who won 16 matches 32 THE NUMBER of years since a de-but team last made their way to the sem-finals. Portugal last clid it in 1966

90 THE MAXIMUM number of min utes that the French team doc for, Jean Market Ferret, believe

TEAM OF

UNDER-ACHIEVERS XI A team of intented players who have faller to live up to expectations at the World Cur

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Zvonimir Boban (Croana) Davor Suker [Creatia]

SEMI-FINALISTS' WORLD CUP HISTORIES

BRAZIL Witners: 1958 1962, 1970, 1994. Runners-up: 1950. Record: P78, W53, O13, L12.

Year by year 1930 Anished second to Yugoshwa in group stage and were eliminated. Both sides bear Bohna 4-0, but Yugoshava beat 1934 Lost 3-1 to Spain in the first round and were knocked out

and were knoched out 1938 Lost 2-1 in the semi-final to Italy. Brant had propressed to the last four af-ter drawing 1-1 with Czechoskowski in the quarter-final - and wind the teplay 2-1 de-spite being reduced to eight men by three domissals.

domissals 1950 As hosts & Brazil lost 2-1 to Uruguay in the final, despite having taken the lead 1954 Lost 4-2 to Hungary if the eventual tunners-top) an the quarter-final 1958 it was Pele's World Cup, and Brazil beat Sweden 5-2 in the hind despite conceding an early goal They had eather beaten France 5-2 in the semis and Wales 1-0 in the counter's

en France 5-2 m the serius and Wales 1-0 m the quarters
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1982 Were beaten in their second-round group-game 3-2 by lially and were knocked out Hard previously scored 10 goals in their three first-round group games and had beaten Argentina 3-1 in their flist second-round group match.

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previously beaten Sweden, Costa Rica and Scottand in the group stage to progress, 1994 Won the prophy against Italy, in the first final to be decided on penalties (3-2) after a 0-0 draw after exita time.

NETHERLANDS

Year by year 1934 Lost 3-2 to Switzerland in the first round. 1938 Lost in the first round again, 3-0

1974 Lost 2-1 to West Germany in the final Had previously beaten Brazil 2-0. East Germany 2-0 and Argendina 4-0 in the second round group stage.

1978 Lost in the final again, 3-1 to Argentina. The match was decided in extra time after the score had hijshed 1-1 after 90 minutes.

eventual winners, West Germany. 1994 Again lost to the eventual winners opponents were Brazil and the score was 3-2.

FRANCE Previous appearances: 9. Semi-finalists: 1958, 1982, 1986. Record: P39, W20, D5, L14.

Year by year
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1934 Lost 3-2 to Austra in the fusitional 1938 Lost 3-1 to Italy in the quarter-final. 1954 Were eliminated in the group stage, having beaten Mexico 3-2, but having lost 1-0 to Yugoslavia. 1958 Lost 5-2 in the semi-final to Brazil, but not before Just Fontame had scored nine goals in five games, He added four more in the 6-3 lbmd-place play-off against West Germany to secure his World Cup finals all-time record of 13. 1966 Finished bottom of England's first round group with a draw and two deleats and were knocked out. 1978 Eliminated at group stage behind Italy and Aig gentina. 1982 Lost the semi-final to West Germany. 5-4 m a penalty shoot out after a 3-3 draw. Had led the match 3-1 at one stage. 1986 Lost another semi-final to West Germany this clime 2-0. Won the third-place play-off 4-2 against Belgium.

CROATIA

Best performance: Firs Record: P5, W4, D0, L1.

Year by Year 1998 Finished second in group and bear Romania and Germany on the way to the

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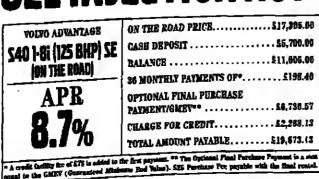
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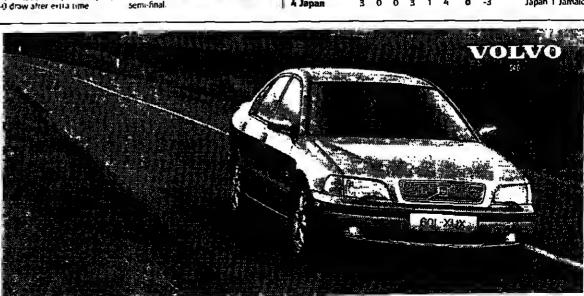
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BY HENRY BLOFELD

THE HOOK is an optional stroke Steve Waugh, for example, does not think it is worth the risk and

never plays it. Other players, like Mike Atherton and Alec Stewart

are compulsive hookers and in

two moments of sheer mad-

to costing England the match

which is more exciting for 8 bats

man than to hook a genuine fast

bowler off his eyebrows for four

However, no batsman, even

those sound in judgement and

quick in footwork, is immune

from being out to the book. If the

hall bounces unexpectedly high

or keeps a fraction low it will hit

the edge of the bat and there are

Other batsmen, such as Ian

an income which more than

Chappell, who knew the risks of

the hook and who felt it produced

took care of the risk, see the shot

as a percentage stroke worth

playing.
From this, it can be seen

that it is never a percentage shot

for a side following on 369 runs

behind, especially when neither

Atherton has a history of try-

ing to fetch bouncers which are

too far over to the off-side with-

out moving inside the line. He

cannot then control the stroke

and there are occasions when

his bat comes up under the ball,

giving long leg catching practice.

He did this off Courtney Walsh

Yesterday it was a clever piece of bowling by Jacques kallis who, two balls earlier,

had given him a gift which he

had hooked for four. Then along

came another short one, outside

the off stump. Stirred by the con-

fidence of the first stroke, Ather-

ten went for that: too and

Makhaya Ntini held a good catch

at fine leg. Even in this situation,

Stewart was just as bad later

Atherton was unable to resist it.

on - if anyone can be bad when

they have made a stirring 164.

Allan Donald, having trouble

with his ankle, was bowling

round the wicket which meant

that the line of the ball was tak-

ing it further away from the

right-hander and wide of the off

were two men back on the

boundary behind square for the

catch. Like Atherton, Stewart

could not help himself.

stump. Added to that, there

in the Barbados Test.

batsman plays it faultlessly.

other technical dangers.

ness yesterday they came close

There is nothing in cricket

let off



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NO LOOKING BACK FOR LEONARDO P25 O'SULLIVAN'S DRUGS PENALTY

Obdurate Croft saves England

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South Africa 552-5 dec England 183 and 369-9 Match drawn

HOLD THE Prozac, English cricket is alive and kicking and living in clover. Well, oot exactly, but that would bave been the feeling bere yesterday when England, defying both the odds and Alian Donald, managed to

cling on to an improbable draw. Talk about leaving claw marks in cliff faces. Only Test cricket could throw up such a tense drama after England had been outplayed for all but one of the five days. Their survival, while unable to paper over deep-seated flaws, has at least done before they gather at

hour of play was immense, for both sides. Suddenly, a crowd that had booed England earlier drama, improbable 48 hours earlier, reached its climax.

When the third oew ball was taken, England had lost eight wickets. That soon hecame nine when Darren Gough fell to the marauders at bay. a brute of a throat ball from

Donald. With two runs needed Cronje and his men felt was not to make South Africa bat again, the last man, Angus Fraser, walked to the crease.

In what seemed an endless barrage from Donald, Fraser survived unbowed for 13 balls, while Robert Croft, as much a mainstay of this rearguard as his skipper Alec Stewart was with his 164, squeezed Makhava Ntini into the covers for two to level the scores.

Although hardly ranking in the list of memorable sbots, it meant that South Africa would have bat again, a move that saved England's last pair from having to face two extra overs the oumber reduced for the

change-over of innings. Fittingly it was Croft, who had batted just over three bours for his unbeateo 37, wbo made the game safe, though he kept the series open, though need not have faced the 87th much soul searching, as well as over of the day from Paul some pruning, will have to be Adams. Effectively the game had been saved when Fraser Treot Bridge in 10 days' time. survived the last ball of the pre-The tension during the final vious over, something neither umpire appeared to realise.

It was a fine performance from England's much maligned began to bellow and cheer every late middle-order. Wheo Stewball that they kept out, as the art's dismissal - half an bour after lunch - had caused the home side to slump from 293 for 3 to 296 for 6, all looked lost. But Croft, abetted by Gough and earlier Mark Ramprakash, kept How frustrated Hansie

OLD TRAFFORD SCOREBOARD

SOUTH AFRICA - First Inclines 552 for 5 dec (G Kirsten 212, J H Kalus 132, D J Cullian 75, W J Cronje 69no). ENGLAND - First landings 183 (PR

1375 min. 250 balls, 13 fours! G P Thorpe b Donald

D G Cork b Adams (14 min, 15 bolls)

Extras (b20 lb2 w1 nb2) Retal (for 9, 680 mis, 171 overs) 369
Fall: 1-4 (Knight) 2-/1 (Hussain) 3-237
(Arherton) 4-293 (Stewart) 5-293 (Thor-pel 6-295 (Cork) 7-323 (Ramprakash) 8-329 (Gales) 9-367 (Gough)

1-0-1-0 (one spell each).
Progress: Fourth day: lunch: 31-2 (Atherton 15, Stewart 10) 21 overs, 50: 105 mm, 25,5 overs, 100: 158 mm, 38,3 overs 150: 208 mm, 51,3 overs, Rea: 152-2 (Atherton 67, Stewart 75) 52 overs, 200: 293 mm, 74,3 overs, New ball taken after 80. Two overs at 208-2. Bad light stopped play at 5,50pm-close 211-2 (Atherton 81, Stewart 114) 81-2 overs. Fifth day: 250: 398 mm, 99.2 overs. Lunch: 278-3 (Stewart 151, Ramprahash 16] 110 overs, 300: 515 mm, 122.4 overs. Rea: 323-6 (Ramprahash 34, Croft 8) 141 overs. 350: 628 mm, 159.2 overs. New ball taken after 160 overs at 354-8. Match finished at 5,59pm with two overs of the linal 15 remaining.

inal 15 remaining.

Atherton's 50: 185 min. 121 balls, 8 fours. 16cewart's 50: 86 min. 75 balls, 9 fours. 100: 229 min. 178 balls, 14 fours. 150: 379 min. 283 balls, 23 fours.

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Man of the match: J H Kallis.

Adjudicator: B A Richards.

obvious, despite this being the second time they have allowed a down-and-out England to wriggle free. A difficult side to beat, the visitors have a reputation of not being able nail their meo, and Eogland's great escape will gnaw away for a

while yet. The South Africans are a reserved bunch and only Donald's disbelief at an lbw shout against Fraser - incidentally, missing leg stump - betrayed their edgy mood. Mind you, if anyone deserved a momeot to air his grievances it was Donald, who bowied superbly to take 6 for 88,

his best against England. It could have ben different for South Africa and they clearly missed the support bowling of Lance Kluseoer, though Peter Marron's solid pitch offered little but some slow turn to Adams.

If the pitch was in England's favour, pressure still plays its tricks and the first breach of the day came just before noon. Having become virtually becalmed by Dooald's initial burst, it was with some relief that Michael Atherton latched on to a loog bop from Jacques Kallis, Two balls later a repeat of the sbot found the top-edge of the bat instead of the middle. the bowler having put some extra height and pace on to the

Even so, it took a marvellous running catch by Ntini at long leg, the fast bowler eventually making Atherton pay for his extravagance by holding the ball by his hootstraps. Tellingly it was not the first time Atherton has been duped like that in front of his home crowd.

No batsman, even Atherton, ing for the sake of it, and Ramprakash, like Stewart, clearly decided to be as positive as possible. When he was last confronted by a similar situation in Antigua, survival alone had proved Ramprakash's undoing.

Stewart, meanwhile, the fluency and verve of his strokeplay betraving the parlous position of his team, brought up his 150. It is difficult for batsmen like Stewart to rationalise that runs do not really count in such situations, though in the end, by drawing level with South Africa's total, England

Monday's Solution

England's Darren Gough takes evasive action during his stubborn innings yesterday

saved themselves two overs. two meo stationed in the deep lem, which flared up again oo ever, and Stewart will have chastised himself for the sbot vigil to a close. Like Atherton, the England captain bad just pulled a tired Donald for four wbeo a repeat of the shot fell of the match. straight to Kluseoer, one of

Prudence is still vital, bow- behind square on the leg-side.

As it was, Donald came round the wicket for ooe last that brought his seveo-bour hurrah and ended with two wickets in four balls, yorking the severely restricted Graham Thorpe for a duck, his second

The left-bander's back prob-

Saturday morning, has severely compromised England's batting. But while a preliminary scan in May showed nothing sinister, you cannot keep picking someone who breaks down mid-Test, and Graeme Hick must oow surely come into the reckoning for Treot Bridge.

Gooch plays a major role in great escape

who was credited by both Stew-

art and Croft with improving

the Welshman's batting since

his uncomfortable experiences

at the hands of Glenn McGrath.

bowl a short ball at him and he

was out," said Stewart. "Gra-

ham Gooch bas worked very

credit has to go to Robert. He's

taken a lot of blows in training,

but it was a tremendous effort

Stewart and Croft both

despite a recently healed

"It was a great lower order

praised the bit-part players -

Darren Gough, batting brave-

finger - and Angus Fraser, to

whom fell the task of keeping

performance," said Croft, who

revealed that his own tech-

nique was to think about any-

thing but cricket until the last

possible moment before each

out Allan Donald's last over.

by him today."

bard with him, but most of the

"Last year, you only had to

BY DAVE HADFIELD

ALEC STEWART was not entirely sure wbether he had been praying or not on the baicony as the Old Trafford test drew to its dramatic conclusion. "It was probably just the way I sit." he said, "but, if it belped,

Whilst the question of divine intervention must remain open. Stewart knew how much he owed to the grit and determination of Robert Croft, who held the England lower order together for long enough to save the match.

The off-spinner, his Test place under scrutiny after his unsuccessful bowling stint in the first innings, was "magnificent." said Stewart. "He says he's Welsh, but there's Englisb in there somewhere."

Croft himself was prepared to take on dual nationality. "My great grandfather was from Essex or somewhere, but he walked all the way to Wales that's how badly be wanted to get there. Bribsh, I am."

It was another Essex man

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hall was bowled. "I was thinking about the trout I'm going to catch when I pe is to see a specialist about go fishing, the house I'm having huilt, seeing my mates and ask-necessitated the use of a run-

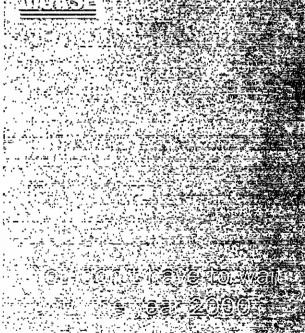
tour," he said. It sounds like a recipe for confusion, not to mention depression, but it worked for him and perceptibly lifted the mood of English cricket.

We're not stupid enough to think we've conquered all our problems," said Stewart, "But we've given the public a lift. The last hour and a half seemed to last about five days, but it was all worthwhile."

Even Hansie Cronje conceded that it had been a compelling climax. "There are very few good draws in cricket but that will go down as one of the best," be said. "When we got Stewart out, I thought we had a very good chance of winning, but it was disappointing that we couldn't take the last wicket."

Cronje confirmed that, apart from Lance Klusener being unable to bowl, Donald had, despite his impressive figures. struggled throughout with an ankle injury. In the England treatment room, Graham Thorthe recurring back injury that ing them about the Welsh rugby ner as he completed his pair.

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